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Fun in the vineyard

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Sal Captain at Captain Vineyards in Moraga

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On a recent gorgeous fall morning, a large group of chattering volunteers plucked succulent grape baubles on the hills of the Captain Vineyards. They filled "lugs," each weighing from 25 to 40 pounds and carried them up countless stairs to be weighed and dumped into the de-stemming machine.

Sal Captain's many overseeing chores included stomping down the stems of some very deep blue Petit Verdot grapes to be recycled in the vineyards' composter - after all, it's an organic vineyard and nothing is ever wasted. By lunchtime, there was a healthy tally of 4,000 pounds of Cab Franc and Petit Verdot grapes.



Petite Verdot grapes

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