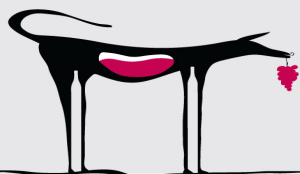


2015 PETIT VERDOT HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



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WINEMAKER NOTES

As I write this I am remembering the warmest summer in Washington State grape growing history. We had many days in the triple digits in 2015, which are ideal conditions for warm weather grapes including Cabernet Sauvignon and this one, Petit Verdot. In Bordeaux, Petit Verdot is typically a blending grape with not much more than 5-7% in the finished wine. In eastern Washington, where the days are long and the sky is cloudless, Petit Verdot shines like our sunny days. Fruit flavors of the black currant, fig, and strawberry jam dominate. After the first taste, I get lingering notes of mint, licorice, and toasted almonds. The barrel delivers a bit of bacon, pipe tobacco, vanilla, and roasted oak staves. The color is rich and dark with bold tannins that make you think "I am going to have a big juicy steak to compliment this wine". This is a fine example of Petit Verdot that is anything but petite.

VINEYARD

Location: Double Canyon Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills

Planted: 2007 **Soil:** Silty loam

Location: Crawford Farms, Yakima Valley

Planted: 1999 **Soil:** Warden silt loam

Location: Lonesome Spring Ranch, Yakima Valley

Planted: 2004 **Soil:** Scootney Silt Loam

Location: Newhouse Vineyards, Snipes Mountain

Planted: 1999 **Soil:** Hardwood-Burke-Wielhl

WINEMAKING

Petit Verdot · Double Canyon Vineyard

Harvested: Oct 12th, 2015

Brix: 24.8 **pH:** 3.78 **Yeast:** EC1118/BDX **Max Temp:** 82.2°F

Fermentation: 7 days **Pressed:** Oct 12th, 2015

Malbec · Crawford Vineyards

Harvested: Oct 21st, 2015

Brix: 25.1 **pH:** 3.71 **Yeast:** D21 **Max Temp:** 84°F

Fermentation: 6 days **Pressed:** Oct 27th, 2015

Malbec · Lonesome Spring Ranch

Harvested: Sept 24rd, 2015

Brix: 25 **pH:** 3.75 **Yeast:** NT-112 **Max Temp:** 85°F

Fermentation: 6 days **Pressed:** Sept 30th, 2015

Syrah · Newhouse Vineyards

Harvested: August 29th, 2015

Brix: 27.5 **pH:** 3.96 **Yeast:** 1CV OKAY **Max Temp:** 81°F

Fermentation: 7 days **Pressed:** Sept 28th, 2015

PETIT VERDOT HORSE HEAVEN HILL

Wine Lore: The word "petit" is such a good descriptor for this grape. When harvested, the berries themselves are small and in compact clusters. Do not let the word "petit" fool you! These grapes make a large and flavorful wine. Washington State single varietal Petit Verdots are growing in popularity. The wine in this bottle reflects the large characteristics of these small flavor-packed berries.



TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL: 13.6

FINAL PH: 3.71

BLEND: JUNE 11TH, 2019

BOTTLED: JUNE 19TH, 2019

CASES PRODUCED: 123

BLEND RATIO

86% - 2015 Double Canyon Petit Verdot

6% - 2015 Crawford Malbec

6% - 2015 Lone Spring Ranch Malbec

2% - 2015 Dan Newhouse Syrah

FOOD PAIRINGS

Blackened steak

Lamb kebabs

Spinach strawberry salad

Pecan sandies

