

Members Only 2011 Petit Verdot

Yakima Valley

CASES PRODUCED: 26

DavenLore

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Yakima Valley is a great AVA. Not only is it the oldest in the state and second oldest in the country; but Yakima Valley wines are distinguished by solid fruit flavors and a good acid balance. Add to these AVA characteristics those of the designated vineyard, Lonesome Spring Ranch, where the southern exposure produces intense lush, bold grapes, and the result is this 2011 Petit Verdot. Dark fruits of black currant and blackberry stand out with the characteristic varietal note of violets and hint of black tea. The wine is exceptionally silky and smooth to drink, with flavors of vanilla, nutmeg and roasted hazelnuts from three years in oak. A classical example of what the Yakima Valley provides to create this memorable Petit Verdot for you.

Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARD

Location: LONESOME SPRING RANCH, YAKIMA VALLEY AVA

Planted: 2002 Petit Verdot

Soil: Scootney Silt Loam is deep well drained soil. While the top 12-20" are pure silt loam, it is underlain by gravelly silt loam to a depth which can exceed several feet.

Location: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

Planted: 1998 Durif Block 28

Aspect: South

Soil: Warden Fine Sandy Loam

WINEMAKING

PETIT VERDOT • LONESOME SPRING RANCH

Harvested by hand: | November 2011

Brix: 26.0 **pH:** 3.14 **Yeast:** Lalvin EC 1118

Fermentation: 5 days Maximum temperature: 84°F

DURIF • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Harvested by hand: 19 October 2011

Brix: 23.5 **pH:** 3.40 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

Fermentation: 4 days Maximum temperature: 86°F

PETIT VERDOT

YAKIMA VALLEY
LONESOME SPRING RANCH

Wine Lore: Our club members love great wines and that's why I take great care to make wines of exceptional quality. The unique growing conditions and growers do their part, and as a winemaker it's my job to bring out the best from the high quality grapes coming in to the winery. Aging for 3 years in American oak barrels adds layers of complexity to this spicy wine. Enjoy!



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5% Final pH: 3.72

Blend:

Lonesome Spring Ranch 92% Petit Verdot Alder Ridge Vineyard 8% Durif

Cases Produced: 26 Bottled: 20 August 2015 Potential Aging: 5-7 years

FOOD PAIRINGS

Steak Oscar Albondigas Rack of Lamb

