



2012 Petit Verdot Horse Heaven Hills

DavenLore
winery

CASES PRODUCED: 114

WINEMAKER NOTES

This is a big boy wine! Our 2010 Petit Verdot was honored to make the *Great Northwest Wine Top 100 Wines of 2013* compiled by Eric Degerman and Andy Perdue. I hope they agree that this 2012 matches its predecessor.

During fermentation I chose to press this grape variety early at 6 Brix of residual sugar to reduce any bitter flavors from the skins and seeds. But don't worry, these thick skinned grapes delivered a wine of dark garnet color and abundant flavors. First off is a floral note of violet, followed by black fruit of cherry, plum and blackberry. The oak shows through with toasted bread, cedar and coconut. Powerful tannins and spice of mint add complexity to the rich fruit. This bold wine needs bold, spicy foods; dry rubbed BBQ lamb, hot Italian sausage pizza or Greek gyros. *Gordon Taylor, Winemaker*

VINEYARD

Location: DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

Planted: 2007 **Slope:** 0-2% and 2-5%

Soil: Sagehill silt loam. Fine sandy loam. This soil is very deep and well drained. It formed in lacustrine sediments with a mantle of loess on terraces.

Location: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Cabernet Sauvignon Block 11 Cabernet Franc Block 1

Planted: 1998 **Slope:** South

Soil: Warden Fine Sandy Loam

WINEMAKING

PETIT VERDOT • DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

Harvested by Hand: 25 October 2012

Brix: 25.4 **pH:** 3.47 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

Fermentation: 6 days **Maximum temperature:** 89°F

CABERNET FRANC • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Harvested by hand: 16 October 2012

Brix: 24.9 **pH:** 3.52 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

Fermentation: 10 days **Maximum temperature:** 82°F

CABERNET SAUVIGNON • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Harvested by hand: 16 October 2012

Brix: 25.6 **pH:** 3.93 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

Fermentation: 9 days **Maximum temperature:** 86°F

PETIT VERDOT

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

Wine Lore: The word 'petit' is such a good descriptor for this grape. When harvested, the berries themselves are small and in compact clusters. But do not let the word 'petit' fool you. These small berries and tight clusters make a very large and flavorful wine. This may be why single varietal Petit Verdots are new to Washington state. The wine in this bottle reflects the large characteristics of these small and flavor-packed berries.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 14.5%

Blend:

Double Canyon Vineyard

84% Petit Verdot

Alder Ridge Vineyard

8% Cabernet Franc

5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Lonesome Spring Ranch

3% Grenache

Bottled: 5 April 2014

Potential Aging: 5-7 years

FOOD PAIRINGS

Hearty winter stews

Spit roasted lamb

Pepper steak

Rare roasted beef

Strong cheeses

