

# 2013 Petit Verdot Horse Heaven Hills

**CASES PRODUCED: 163** 

# WINEMAKER NOTES

The Horse Heaven Hills AVA is known for its big bold wines. This Petit Verdot grown by Double Canyon, with its warm summer temperatures and strong winds blowing up the Columbia River, makes a very bold and distinctive wine. Petit Verdot from the Horse Heaven Hills is recognized by floral notes, including violets, and this 2013 vintage does not disappoint. Blackberry, plum and licorice round out the flavors of this garnet colored wine. The tannins and other phenolics stand up to aging the wine in American Oak which delivers the lingering finish of cedar, sandalwood and vanilla. This vintage is great with grilled meats and hearty stews or, kicking back with a good book and a roaring fire.

\*\*Gordon Taylor\*, Winemaker\*\*

## **VINEYARD**

Location: DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

**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, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

Cabernet Sauvignon Block 11 **Planted:** 1998 Slope: South **Soil:** Warden Fine Sandy Loam

Location: Newhouse Vineyard, Snipes Mountain AVA

Planted: 1999 Slope: South

**Soil:** Harwood-Burke-Wiehl silt loam formed in the Snipes Mountain conglomerate. High level worn river cobbles prior to last ice age.

#### WINEMAKING

**PETIT VERDOT • DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD** 

Harvested by Hand: 21 October 2013

**Brix:** 26.0 **pH:** 3.76 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

Fermentation: 7 days Maximum temperature: 85°F

MALBEC • DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

Harvested by hand: 9 October 2013

**Brix:** 23.5 **pH:** 3.93 **Yeast:** Anchor NT-112

Fermentation: 5 days Maximum temperature: 88°F

CABERNET SAUVIGNON • ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

Harvested by hand: 9 October 2013

**Brix:** 25.0 **pH:** 3.98 **Yeast:** Anchor Lallemand ICV-D21 **Fermentation:** 4 days **Maximum temperature:** 85°F

SYRAH • NEWHOUSE VINEYARD

Harvested by hand: 30 September 2013

**Brix:** 26.4 **pH:** 4.0 **Yeast:** Lallemand EC 1118 **Fermentation:** 5 days **Maximum temperature:** 85°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. Do not let the word "petit" fool you! These grapes make a very 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: 13.5% Final PH: 3.63

**Blend:** 

Double Canyon Vineyard

86% Petit Verdot

7% Malbec

Alder Ridge Vineyard

3.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Newhouse Vineyard

3.5% Syrah

Cases produced: 163 Bottled: 7 July 2015

Potential Aging: 7-10 years

## **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Pork Medallions with Tart Cherry Sauce

Beef Bourguignon Mousakka

Eggplant Rolatini

