

# 2016 Petit Verdot Horse Heaven Hills

CASES PRODUCED: 123

# DavenLore

### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

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. If you're looking for a wine that can stand up to a Cabernet Sauvignon and holds it's own - it's Petit Verdot. Big aromas of blackberry and black currant jam give a rich full mouth-feel . Leaving a vanilla and toffee flavor with a hint of licorice on the finish. The barrel delivers a bit of bacon, 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.

# Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

## **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: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD, HORSE HEAVEN HILLS,

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**PLANTED:** 1998 **SOIL:** Warden Fine Sandy Loam

# **WINEMAKING**

#### PETIT VERDOT - DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

Harvested: October 11th, 2016

**Brix:** 27 **pH:** 3.73 **Yeast:** ICV-OKAY/PDM **Max Temp:** 81°F **Fermentation:** 7 Days **Pressed:** October 12th, 2016

MALBEC - CRAWFORD VINEYARDS

Harvested: October 11, 2016

**Brix:** 26 **pH:** 3.40 **Yeast:** NT-116 **Max Temp:** 81°F **Fermentation:** 7 Days **Pressed:** October 18, 2016

MOURVEDRE - ALDER RIDGE Harvested: October 18, 2016

**Brix:** 25.8 **pH:** 3.8 **Yeast:** ICV-OKAY **Max Temp:** 86°F **Fermentation:** 6 Days **Pressed:** October 24, 2016

**GRENACHE - LONESOME SPRING RANCH** 

Harvested: October 5th, 2016

**Brix:** 25 **pH:** 3.53 **Yeast:** NT-116 **Max Temp:** 81°F **Fermentation:** 7 Days **Pressed:** October 10, 2016

## 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 large and flavorful wine. Washington State single varietal Petit Verdot's are growing in popularity. The wine in this bottle reflects the large characteristics of these small flavorpacked berries.



#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% **FINAL PH:** 3.67

BLEND:

78% - 2016 Petit Verdot ~ Double Canyon

10% - 2016 Malbec ~ Crawford 6% - 2016 Mourvedre ~Alder Ridge 6% - 2016 Grenache ~ Lonesome Spring

RANCH

BOTTLED: APRIL 7, 2021

**POTENTIAL AGING: 7-10 YEARS** 

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Shepherds Pie

Smoked Pork Shoulder Roast Beet and Goat Cheese Salad

Crostini with Green Olive Tapenade

Chocolate Cherry Biscotti

