



PETIT VERDOT 2016

VARIETY:	100% PETIT VERDOT
PRODUCTION:	189 CASES
ALC./VOL.:	14.7%
OTHER:	pH 3.64, TA: 7.2 g/L, RS: 2.9g/L
CSPC:	+ 20982

THE GRAPES

Petit Verdot is a red grape variety that is principally used in Bordeaux blends, often contributing colour, structure and its typical floral notes of violet. It is a late ripening grape variety and has fallen out of favour in Bordeaux as a result. We have had great success with Petit Verdot grown on the Osoyoos East Bench and believe that the abundant sun and heat of our vineyards create the perfect growing environment for this grape variety.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2016 growing season in Osoyoos was a fantastic one for late ripening red varieties. In Osoyoos, spring was early and hot, with early bud break and flowering. Summer started off a little cooler than expected but August was hot and dry leading to early veraison and a long and warm fall and harvest season. The luxurious ripening season resulted in excellent fruit, with well-balanced acid and sugar levels, and optimal physiological ripeness.

VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Moon Curser Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect and slope.
- Soil: loamy sand, with silica and granite composition.
- Harvest date: early October 2016
- Brix at harvest: 24.0 Brix

WINEMAKING

- Grapes hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, then sorted again prior to destemming and pumping through to fermenters. No crushing.
- Warm red fermentation at approx. 26°C to 28°C in variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenters
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frère, Saury. 25% to 30% new French Oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Bottled: March 2018

TASTING NOTES

This is a medium to full-bodied red wine that in colour is a dark garnet with hints of purple. Deep notes of black cherry, lilac and violets dominate the nose. The palate deviates from the nose with complementary flavours of red cherry, plum and black fruits. The 2016 Petit Verdot is an elegant and big fruit-forward wine with a powerful tannic structure and acidity. While approachable currently, this wine will reward those who can set the bottles aside for up to eight to ten years of aging.