



PETIT VERDOT 2017

VARIETY: 100% PETIT VERDOT
PRODUCTION: 368 CASES
ALC./VOL.: 14.9%
OTHER: pH 3.75, TA: 7.4 g/L, RS: 1.9 g/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 2017 growing season in Osoyoos did not deliver any significant deviations from the expected weather patterns. Spring was a little cooler and arrived a little later than usual, but summer delivered slightly above average temperatures with little rain which allowed the vineyards to catch up. Many burning wildfires resulted in stagnant air throughout the valley and increased humidity although smoke taint was not a concern. Fall weather was average, with wide diurnal margins in the early fall and a cold snap in early November. On balance – a good typical Osoyoos growing season that delivered quality, well-balanced fruit at harvest.

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: Oct 23-24, 2017
- Brix at harvest: 24.4 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 in variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenters
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frère and Leroi. 27% new French oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Bottled: March 2019

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Petit Verdot is a medium to full-bodied red wine that is dark ruby in colour. Inviting notes of rose, blueberry and chocolate dominate the nose. The palate compliments the nose with flavours of dark chocolate, raisins and cigar box. This wine is an elegant and big tannin driven wine, with well-balanced acidity. While fairly approachable now, this wine will reward those who can set the bottles aside for at least eight to ten years of aging.