



## PETIT VERDOT 2019

VARIETY:	100% PETIT VERDOT
PRODUCTION:	2,091 litres (232 cases)
ALC./VOL.:	14.7%
OTHER:	pH 3.86, TA: 7.2 g/L, RS: 4.3 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. Because it is such a bold wine, it is commonly added in proportion to be less than 10% to blends. Its origins are hard to trace, but it is believed to date as far back as the 18th century. 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. So much so, we feel confident in showcasing its true potential as an Okanagan single varietal wine, not simply hidden away in a blend.

### VINTAGE REPORT

In 2019 spring arrived a little later than usual in Osoyoos, but was quite mild with temperatures just shy of 20°C. Summer brought high heat, with only small amounts of rain at appropriate times, allowing the vines to catch up from the late spring. Cooler temperatures towards the end of summer allowed for the development of both bright, lively acidity and balanced, complex flavour profiles. Heavy rainfall in early September, and a cold snap in early October provided some difficulties during harvest but did not affect the quality or integrity of Moon Curser grapes. This season allowed for incredible flavour development and balanced accumulation of sugars and acids, all amplified by the low fruit yields experienced in the Okanagan that year.

### VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Moon Curser Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect/slope.
- Soil: loamy sand, with silica and granite.
- Harvest date: October 18th, 2019
- Brix at harvest: 26.6 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 kept at approx. 25°C in a variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenter.
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily.
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; TN Coopers and Seguin Moreau. 36% new French oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Vegan: YES
- Bottled: March 2021

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Petit Verdot is a full-bodied red wine that is very dark purple in colour and has flavours and aromas to match. Inviting, delicate notes of violet, rose petals and ripe plum dominate the nose. The palate is opulent, complex and complements the nose with notes of cigar box, vanilla, blackberry and stewed blueberries. Oak elements are artfully woven through and provide dark edges on the palate with a welcome note of dark chocolate. The tannins are silky, while the bright acidity lengthens out the finish, which lingers until your next sip. The low crop levels in 2019 made for a fantastic vintage for this special and rare wine. While fairly approachable now, this wine will definitely reward those who can set aside the bottle for eight to ten years of aging.

