



## PETIT VERDOT 2018

VARIETIES: 96% PETIT VERDOT, 4% TANNAT  
PRODUCTION: 3,038 litres (338 cases)  
ALC./VOL.: 15.1%  
OTHER: pH: 3.76; TA: 6.6 g/L; RS: 2.6 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 florals 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 2018 growing season in Osoyoos delivered fruit of excellent quality. Spring was a little cooler and arrived a little later than usual, but summer brought above average temperatures with little rain which allowed the vines to catch up. Moderate temperatures and cooler nights towards the end of the summer allowed for the development of both bright, lively acidity and balanced, complex flavour profiles. Many burning wildfires resulted in stagnant air throughout the valley and increased humidity, although smoke taint was not a concern. Fall weather was as expected, with wide diurnal margins in the early fall, while remaining temperate in late fall. The season allowed for a balanced accumulation of sugars and acid, resulting in naturally balanced wines.

### 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 15, 2018
- Brix at harvest: 25.7 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 in the range of approx. 20°C to 25°C in variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenters
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily.
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frère, Leroi and Seguin Moreau. 25% new French oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Vegan: YES
- Bottled: March 2020

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2018 Petit Verdot is a medium to full-bodied red wine that is dark ruby in colour. Inviting notes of rose petal, fresh blueberries and blackberries dominate the nose. The palate is complex, but mimics the nose with delicate flavours of plum, violet and lavender, while a hint of toasted coconut rounds out the finish. This is an elegant and tannin driven wine, with well-balanced acidity. While fairly approachable now, this wine will definitely reward those who can set the bottles aside for at least eight to ten years of aging.