

Petit Verdot

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2021



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Floral aromas of violet are accompanied with notes of dark, ripe berries and wet stone minerality. In the mouth, blackberries & fig are accented with notes of eucalyptus. The concentrated fruit is round and full with powdery tannins. The bright acidity provides a lift on the finish that elevates the floral notes once more.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown in our acclaimed Spice Cabinet Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. This vineyard sits on southeast slopes above the Columbia River. The orientation of the blocks allows for morning sun exposure of the fruit, while avoiding the intense afternoon rays.

GROWING SEASON

The 2021 vintage was warmer than average. We experienced extremely high temperatures in June and July. The crop was lighter than expected with smaller clusters and lower numbers of berries. Mid to late October brought rain, but fortunately for us, we were able to bring in all of the fruit before the rain. Our 2021 vintage is highly concentrated, and although a lighter yield, will be one for the books.

WINEMAKING

These grapes were double sorted, first in the vineyard with the selective harvest tool on our Pellenc harvesters to allow for maximum hangtime and flavor development. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. We fermented the wine in open top fermenters with twice daily punchdowns. After fermentation, the wine was racked to 67% new American oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 18 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Blend: 75% Petit Verdot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot
Alcohol: 14.8%
T.A: 0.53 g/100 ml
pH: 4.01

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2019 :
91 pts - James Suckling
89 pts - Wine Enthusiast

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2018 :
90 pts - James Suckling
Dbl Gold - Great Northwest Wines

ACCLAIM, VINTAGE 2015:
91 pts - James Suckling
95 points, Best in Show, Wine of
the Year - USA Wine Ratings