



HILL FAMILY
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2019 Petit Verdot

Production: 148 cases

Composition: 98% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Merlot

Vineyards: Windy Flats, Apallas and Baker

Elevation: Valley floor - 1,200 ft.

Cooperage: 20 months in 18% new Icone and Trust Hungarian with the remainder in neutral French oak.

Alcohol: 15%, TA:6.2 g/L, pH: 3.88

Bottling date: July 22, 2021

Release date: February 2024

Release price: \$65.00

Petit Verdot is one of the 5 noble Bordeaux varieties. It is normally used in blends to bolster the color and tannin. At Windy Flats, Petit Verdot has a more civilized outcome, and though still a monster, it is drinkable and even has some finesse. We achieved 50% veraison on August 14, which was late, but normal for Petit Verdot. The color was coming out nicely by mid-October, so we brought it in at 25.7 Brix on October 17, and after a few days of cold soak, inoculated with RP15 yeast and let it roll up to 95° for a few days before pressing at about 1.2 Brix.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2019 Petit Verdot is a beautiful expression of the variety. Deep dark layers of purple color. It starts with aromas of dark coffee, dark chocolate, cherry jam, and licorice. The palate is bold and intense, with so much color and spicy complexity from the wonderful hangtime leading up to harvest. Those who like their wines big will appreciate this one!