

# Jongleur

2015 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



100% Dionysus Vineyard Petit Verdot  
clone 2

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.8

TA: 5.4 g/liter

RS: <0.5 g/liter

15% alc.

292 cases produced



## Harvest and Winemaking

2015 was the warmest vintage in the history of Washington wine. The summer and fall were consistently hot all the way to the last day of harvest. Fortunately there were no heat spikes of +100F which can be adverse to the grape vines.

Dionysus is planted in sandy soil on a steep, southwest facing slope above the Columbia River. We picked the Dionysus Petit Verdot on September 8th - the earliest we have ever picked. Our goal was to pick as early as possible to maximize acidity and freshness.

All the grapes were hand-harvested, hand-sorted, and fermented by yeasts native to the vineyard. All the grapes were punched down two times daily until pressing. Only the free-run wine was used for the Jongleur. The Jongleur was aged in French Oak barrels (23% new) for 22 months prior to bottling.

## Tasting Notes

*A Jongleur is an entertainer & juggler from the Middle ages and metaphor for how the Isenhower's manage their winery and family.*

Dark red hue, characteristic of Petit Verdot. Aromas of ripe blueberries, lilacs, jasmine, wet stones, freshly tilled earth, and butterscotch leap from the glass. Flavors include floral notes, blueberries, white pepper, and caramel. The acidity is plentiful and balancing with a long finish. The Petit Verdot is fresh, youthful, and delicious. The Jongleur is our most hedonistic tasting wine and a perfect wine to pair with red meats, barbecue, hearty cheeses, and stews. Enjoy through 2027.

## Thoughts on Petit Verdot

Petit Verdot is a relatively rare Bordeaux variety of winegrape. The grapes tend to ripen late, have blistering acidity, and most wineries use Petit Verdot for blending into Cabernet Sauvignon or Bordeaux blends to increase the color and acidity.

There are few 100% Petit Verdot wines because it takes a terrific vineyard to ripen the Petit Verdot properly.

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