

Petit Verdot

2018 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



100% Dionysus Vineyard

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.85

Titrateable Acidity: 5.3 g/liter

Residual Sugar: <0.01 g/liter

Alcohol: 15%

93 cases produced



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

Harvest and Winemaking

Dionysus Vineyard is the perfect location in Washington for this finicky vine. The soils are poor and the vines have to work hard to thrive. The vine rows are oriented 22 degrees to the Southwest on a steep slope above the Columbia River providing lots of light exposure from the sun and reflection off the river. Dionysus Petit Verdot is our first red grape to harvest because of the perfect vineyard site.

The 2018 Jongleur is 100% Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard. Petit Verdot is a challenging vine and requires a special vineyard, like Dionysus, to create an elegant yet powerful wine. The Petit Verdot was aged in French oak barrels for 18 months prior to bottling. Enjoy this beautiful Petit Verdot through 2030.

Tasting Notes

This Petit Verdot is a clean dark red hue with aromas of earth, lilacs, red fruit, blackberry, and hints of vanilla and french oak. Initial flavors are blackberry, purple flowers, mouth watering acidity, rich extract in the mid-pallet and a soft but lingering finish.

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 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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