

2013 PETIT VERDOT HORSE HEAVEN HILLS



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Floral aromas jump out of the glass at you. In addition to rose petals, there are notes of ripe blueberries and wet stone minerality. In the mouth, 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. This powerhouse of a wine can be enjoyed now, or safely cellared for years to come.

VINEYARD SOURCE

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

GROWING SEASON

2013 was one of the hottest years on record. A moderate winter lead into a warm spring and a very hot summer. We saw veraison two weeks earlier than normal, and began harvest a week ahead of schedule. A warm, dry September allowed for longer hang time of the grapes which contributed to concentrated flavor development along with ripe tannins.

WINEMAKING

At the winery, the handpicked fruit was gently destemmed, but not crushed to try to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. We fermented the wine in small open top fermentors with twice daily punch downs. After draining the wine, the free-run wine was racked to two new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in barrel for 30 months before being blended together.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation	Horse Heaven Hills
Blend	100% Petit Verdot
Alcohol	14.4%
T.A.	0.63 g/100 ml
pH	3.97

SENSORY INDICATOR



- Rose Petal
- Ripe Blueberries
- Wet Stone Minerality
- Raspberries

