

## PETIT VERDOT

LAKE COUNTY



**SILVER MEDAL** 2022 North of the Gate Wine Competition

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Petit Verdot is traditionally used as a blending component in Cabernet Sauvignon-based Bordeaux blends. It contributes depth, structure, color and complexity when used as a blending wine.

The Petit Verdot grapes grown in our Cache Creek Vineyards have all these qualities, along with delicious flavors that are too special to not be enjoyed as a solo varietal. This wine ferments on the skins in stainless steel tanks, and then is aged in French oak barrels produced from forests in the center of France. A small portion of the wine is also aged in American oak.

We are very pleased with this newest addition to our lineup of wines.

COMPOSITION 100% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD Cache Creek Vineyards

APPELLATION Lake County

ALCOHOL 14% TA  $6.2~\mathrm{g/L}$  ph 3.64

COOPERAGE French and American oak barrels

BARREL AGING 22 months
PRODUCTION 173 cases

## **TASTING NOTES**

Subtle aromas of loamy earth and a rich mineral essence join an intense blend of dark ripe berries that fills the nose. A smooth entry reveals layers of black cherry, boysenberry and cassis wrapped with traces of coffee, violet, chocolate, licorice and juniper. Buoyant acidity bathes the palate while vanillin oak gently supports, but never overpowers, the dense, luscious lingering flavors.

This wine begs for a pairing of red meat, so fire up the grill and cook up some New York strip steaks paired with twice baked potatoes, or baby back ribs served with your favorite sauces and potato salad.