2020 PETIT VERDOT LAKE COUNTY



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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.

COMPOSITION Petit Verdot

VINEYARD Cache Creek Vineyards

APPELLATION Lake County

ALCOHOL 13.6% TA $6.4~\mathrm{g/L}$ ph 3.57

COOPERAGE French and American oak barrels

BARREL AGING 15 months
PRODUCTION 85 cases

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated aromas of ripe dark berries infused with chocolate mingle with traces of oak. The smooth entry quickly exposes the perfect marriage of luscious fruit and an integrated structure. A delicious blend of blackberry, juicy cherry, huckleberry and black raspberry provides an intense yet bright berry essence that coats the palate. Dark cocoa powder and a hint of spicy pepper appear as the decadent flavors flow in the finish, still wrapped in a gentle coating of oak and tannins.

The ideal pairing is a perfectly grilled steak with sautéed mushrooms and onions on the side, and a slice of chocolate decadence for dessert. It will also be delicious with pork tenderloin with a savory balsamic blueberry sauce.