

B. Leighton

2019 B. LEIGHTON PETIT VERDOT

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER BRENNON LEIGHTON

Petit Verdot might not be noble, but it is mystical and ultimately beautiful and lovely. Sometimes overlooked or forgotten this hidden gem is there to be discovered, black plum violets dried herbs and nori wrapped around black cherry roasted lamb and essence of pie crust. This is the way Petit Verdot should be: strong, intense and poignant. So present, so precious.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was on the cooler side as it started slow with later-than-usual bud break and continued on to be fairly moderate throughout the year. Some vineyards had issues with an October freeze a bit earlier than usual, but our high-elevation vineyards have great air drainage which allows us to extend the growing season late into October without freeze. This yielded fantastic ripening and some awesome wines with incredible balance and character. Overall, we are excited about the wine produced in 2019, which has brought us more finesse, incredible flavors and lovely balance.

CURRENT & PAST SCORES

95 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

"The deep purple/ruby-hued 2019 Petite Verdot checks in as 100% varietal that spent 22 months in 41% new barrels. Also from the Olsen Brothers Vineyard in the Yakima Valley, it's full-bodied and concentrated, with ripe tannins and beautiful purity in its darker, almost blue fruits. With its outstanding balance and complex notes of leather, earth, and black licorice, I love it and would happily drink a bottle any time over the coming 10-12 years or more."

94 Points, *Vinous—Owen Bargreen* (v2018)

"...shows off refined tannins that frame a pretty core of dark fruits, alongside crème de violette and sandalwood undertones. It's refined and seriously good to consume now, but you can enjoy this rich yet finesse-driven wine for at least another decade."

93 Points, *James Suckling* (v2018)

"Aromas of blackcurrant, blackberry and almond. Full-bodied with chewy tannins. Lush and rich palate that remains balanced in its intensity. Dark chocolate comes through. Drink now."

VINEYARD

Olsen Brothers Vineyard (100%)

Olsen Brothers is located on the Northwest bend of the Yakima River as it turns North at Red Mountain. The elevation averages about 1000 feet and the soils are sandy with broken basalt.

WINEMAKING

Varietal Breakdown: 100% Petit Verdot

Appellation: Yakima Valley

Production: 1.8 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation, 31 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on the lees in 41% new French oak barriques | 623 cases

Wine Analysis: 5.8 g/L titratable acidity, 3.83 pH, 14.5% alcohol, no residual sugar

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