

B. Leighton

2020 B. LEIGHTON PETIT VERDOT

TASTING NOTES BY WINEMAKER BRENNON LEIGHTON

Passion. Intrigue... deep thought... first love... rain drying on warm rocks after a summer shower. Dried violets found years later in an old hard cover book in a private library. Cold ash from a fireplace long forgotten... black cassis, wild sage, warm sand with that special someone... crushed seashells, roasted seaweed, English black licorice gifted from your grandfather... you get the picture, I invite you to explore.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage might be the best vintage that we have ever had in Washington state history. We had an incredible growing season that was long and temperate, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly. The wines are focused, rich, complex and lively. The reds are restrained and elegant, yet powerful with incredible tension and balance. Our white and rosé wines are wonderfully rich on the palate but balanced with enough acid to make the wines complete. We are excited to see how these wines evolve!

CURRENT SCORES

93+ Points, *Eric Guido–Vinous*

“Dusty Violet and lavender give way to blackberries and sweet spice as the 2020 Petit Verdot comes to life in the glass. Soft, round and distinctly savory, it mixes masses of red and black fruits with exotic spices and wild herbs ... It tapers off with a tinge of tartness yet remains remarkably fresh, leaving hints of clove and black licorice to fade.”

92 Points, *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Lots of smoky black and blue fruits, ground pepper, and leafy herbs, emerge from the 2020 Petite Verdot, a full-bodied, concentrated 2020 with ripe yet firm tannins, a good spine of acidity, and outstanding length.”

91 Points, *James Suckling*

“Very fragrant, showing rosemary, oregano, potpourri and purple fruit aromas. It’s full-bodied, stemmy and textured, the tannins firm yet nicely integrated. Still, better from 2026.”

91 Points, *Anthony Mueller–Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*

“...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.”

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: 2.5 tons per acre, native yeast, 100% whole berry fermentation in wood upright tank, 39 days on skins | 22 months barrel-aged on the lees in 40% new French oak barriques | 559 cases

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

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