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ESTATES

2016 Petit Verdot
Walla Walla Valley AVA | 72 Cases Produced



Vineyard

Windrow Vineyard is the oldest commercially planted vineyard in the Walla Walla AVA. Talks to create the appellation happened on this soil. Situated on a bench created by thousands of years ago where Lower Dry Creek empties into the southern Walla Walla Valley, Windrow has a rare combination of heat during the day followed by a cool breeze flowing out of the Blue Mountains in the evenings. This diurnal shift allows us to grow our grapes until later in the season, increasing maturity while retaining enough acidity to maintain balance and structure. Ellisford Silt Loam is prevalent in this part of the Walla Walla Valley AVA. Windrow varies from deep deposits of windblown loess to shallow layers over gravely cobble.

Winemaking

2016 continued the trend of warm growing seasons and this may be one of the longest on record. Bud break and bloom were early but in June things returned to normal and temperatures held steady most of the summer. The extended season allowed the grapes to ripen slowly but also produced a little bit of a “bumper crop” with our case production rising to 72 cases. Another great vintage for Petit Verdot!

Tasting Notes

100% Estate Petit Verdot

This rich, dark and inky wine begins with aromatic notes of Bing cherry and star anise that entice the senses while warm hints of roasted red pepper and sun-dried tomato draw you in for more. Dark flavors of black currants and Damson plums frolic on the palate opening up to notes of pink pepper corn, cranberry, and pomegranate. This fullbodied wine leaves nothing to be desired. Best paired with good friends and a leg of lamb with roasted root vegetables.