

BENT OAK

WINERY



Texas High Plains 2018

The Wine:

Petit Verdot is a Bordeaux varietal historically used for blending due to its assertive tannins and color. We harvest our Petite Verdot from the Texas High Plains where the warm weather favors this varietal, yielding more blueberry jam notes.

AVA:

The Texas High Plains is the second largest AVA in Texas, comprising roughly 8 million acres in west Texas, mostly south of the panhandle region. The eastern border of the Texas High Plains AVA follows the 3000 ft. elevation contour line along the Caprock Escarpment, the steep transitional zone separating the High Plains from the lower plains to the east. The elevation within the Texas High Plains gradually increases from 3,000 ft. to 4,100 ft. in the northwest portion of the AVA. This positioning provides an environment of long, hot dry summer days, which allow the grapes to mature and ripen to proper sugar levels, and cool evenings and nights, which help set the grape's acidity levels. Grapes and wine have been produced in this region since the mid-1970's and vineyards here have become the major grape supplier to wineries throughout the state. There are over 75 Wine Grape Varietals planted in the High Plains AVA, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Grenache, Merlot, Malbec, Dolcetto, Mourvèdre, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, and Viognier.

Wine Makers Notes:

Petit Verdot has historically been grown in Bordeaux, however, fell out of favor due to its late phenolic ripening, which makes it a great fit for the Texas High Plains. With its wonderful color and high tannins, we can be flexible with our barrel choices and tend towards more new French oak to provide structure and framing for this bold wine.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Petit Verdot pairs well with rich meat dishes, grilled steak, spicy pork, veal, lamb, game and sausage as well as hard and semi-soft cheeses.

Technical Data:

pH - 3.78
TA - 0.64/100mL
SO₂ - 60 mg/L
A/V - 14.3%

Production: 157 cases

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