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# PARADISE SPRINGS WINERY

PETIT VERDOT

*Williams Gap Vineyard*

2021

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## TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.75

Acid: 6.5 g/l

Alcohol: 12.9%

## GRAPE SOURCES

100% Petit Verdot sourced entirely from Williams Gap Vineyard

## APPELLATIONS

Loudoun County

## HARVEST DATES

October 13, 2021

## WINEMAKING DATA

The grapes were destemmed into fermentation bins and cold soaked overnight, then heated and slowly warmed up to allow us to inoculate with two types of yeast (D80 and CLOS). Fermentation lasted for 14 days, and the wine was left on the skins for an additional two days for more tannin extraction. Malolactic bacteria was added to start the secondary fermentation. Next it was pressed off and allowed to settle for two days until it was moved into barrels. The wine was allowed to age for 10 months in new and neutral French oak aging using Berger & Fils and Ana Selection cooperages. 2021 Petit Verdot was bottled on August 15, 2022.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

We are trying to showcase one of our unique vineyard terroirs out on the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains with this Petit Verdot. Due to its aging entirely in French oak, there is a savory side to this Petit Verdot that is intertwined with dark chocolate and boysenberry aromatics. This wine has an abundance of tannins and bright acidity that will allow it to age well, and in turn highlight the blueberry component that transitions to cocoa powder on the finish.

## VINTAGE NOTES

It was a slow start to the growing season after a very mild winter. That helped prevent a major frost event mainly around the Charlottesville area so we were able to avoid issues at our sites. Towards the end of winter an unsettling weather pattern of warm and cool spells was trending. As the season moved to the warmer months our vineyards remained relatively dry, which stalled veraison and elongated maturity of the clusters. It remained dry through the early ripening of sparkling grapes, but occasional rainfalls and high humidity left us battling some mildew breakouts and slowed ripening at most vineyards for the rest of harvest. The other pest that was battled was the 17-year brood of cicada which likes to feed on and girdle some of the grapevine shoots. Thankfully this pest comes and goes quickly. Overall, a good vintage comparatively for Virginia probably more in the craft of the old-world style as opposed to the 201 vintage leaning newer world in style.

