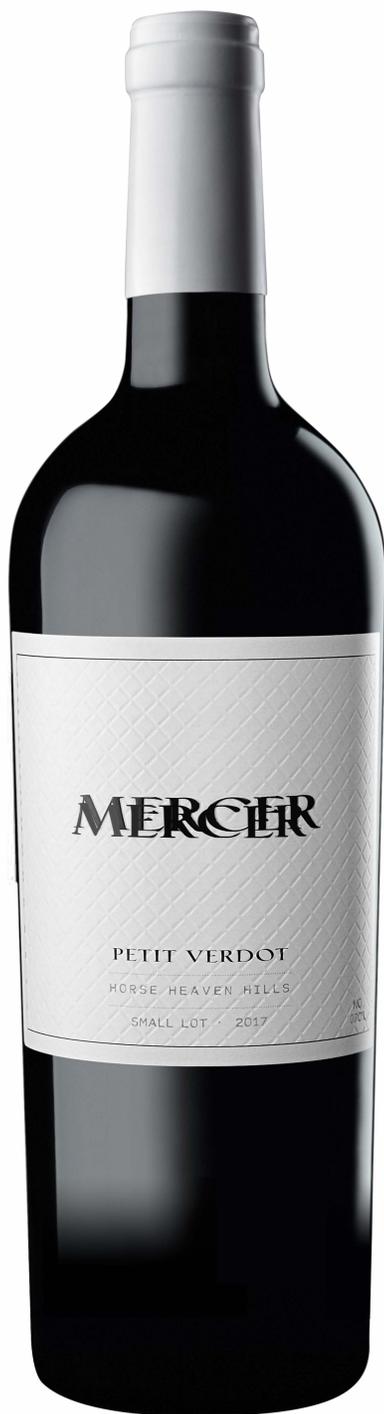


Petit Verdot

LABEL: SMALL LOT

AVA: HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

VIN: 2017



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Floral aromas of rose petals are accompanied with notes of ripe blueberries and wet stone minerality. In the mouth, blackberries & fig are accented with notes of licorice and coconut. The concentrated fruit is round and full with powdery tannins. The bright acidity provides a lift on the finish that elevates the floral notes once more.

VINEYARD SOURCING

The fruit for this wine is grown in our estate Milt's Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. This vineyard sits on southeast slopes above the Columbia River. The orientation of the blocks allows for morning sun exposure of the fruit, while avoiding the intense afternoon rays.

GROWING SEASON

The 2017 vintage started in early September, which is what we typically expect. The warm days and cool nights of September gave us ample fruit flavor development balanced with bright acidity. Some cold events in mid-October put the pressure on to get fruit off the vines. Despite the cool spell, our fruit had plenty of time to ripen, developing intense flavors and dusty tannins.

WINEMAKING

These grapes were double sorted, first in the vineyard with the selective harvest tool on our Pellenc harvesters to allow for maximum hangtime and flavor development. The fruit was not crushed in order to preserve as much whole-berry as possible. We fermented the wine in a stainless steel tank with a combination of pumpovers and rack and returns to control extraction and flavor. After fermentation, the wine was racked to a American oak for malolactic fermentation. The wine was barrel aged for 20 months.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills

Blend: 78% Petit Verdot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

T.A: 0.54 g/100 ml

pH: 3.94