



## 2017 ESTATE RED MOUNTAIN PETIT VERDOT

Long-time Kiona Vineyards zealots know that varietal Petit Verdot represents the rarest of releases - this is only the third version we have ever produced. The grape thrives on Red Mountain, commanding higher per-ton pricing than any other cultivar we grow for our grape/winery customers.

There are five "official" Bordeaux red varieties - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. Considered the darkest in profile and the most tannic in structure, Petit Verdot shines as a high-end blending component for wines headlined by its better-known brethren, namely Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc.

At least, that's been true traditionally. A small number of high-end New World producers spotlight the grape in varietal wines. It takes a deft hand and a fair amount of restraint, but many now craft Petit Verdot into tasty, compelling, hedonistic wines with brooding structure and stout, mouth-filling tannins.

### **GEOGRAPHICAL DESIGNATION //**

100% Red Mountain AVA, 100% Estate Grown and Bottled  
**VINEYARDS //**

89% Heart of the Hill, 10% Ranch at the End of the Road, 1% Kiona Estate

**COMPOSITION //** 75% Petit Verdot, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot

**WINEMAKING //** Optical sorting, twice daily punchdowns, open-top ferments

**CASE PRODUCTION //** 253 12 x 750 mL cases, Bottled May 2020

**pH //** 3.8    **TA //** 5.33    **ALC. BY VOL. //** 15.2%

