

# CANYON WIND

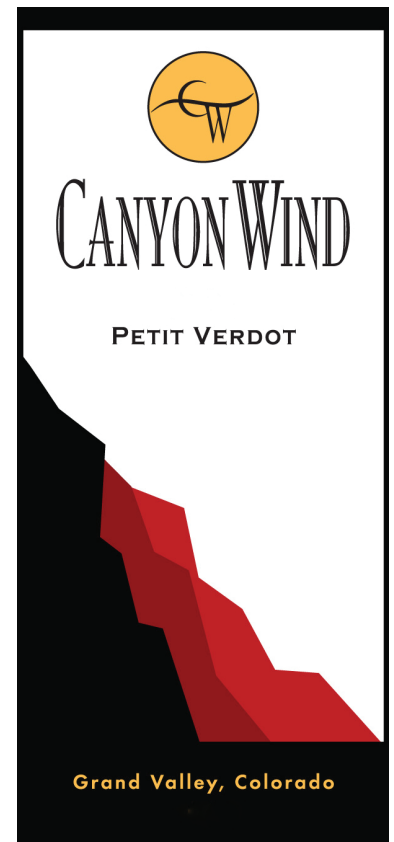
## 2010 PETIT VERDOT GRAND VALLEY AVA

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Petit Verdot was the source of a long-standing mystery for Canyon Wind Cellars. As part of our original planting in 1991, two blocks of Merlot from different nurseries were planted. It was quickly obvious that one of the blocks was not Merlot. Many failed attempts were made to identify the vines by internationally known experts, leaf printing, and dedicated research; all of which yielded what was already known- an unknown grape. Used as a source for blending wine until 2002; it was not until undergoing genetic fingerprinting that it was discovered that the vines were actually Petit Verdot. This wine was created in our traditionally inspired low-intervention winemaking style. Post-fermentation, the wine was placed into an 22-month oak barrel program consisting of new, one and two-year old American and French oak.

A warmer year than the previous few, 2010, produced a Petit Verdot with aromas of black cherry, cassis and plum. Abundant cinnamon, vanilla and a hint of white pepper almost make you feel as if you've climbed into an oak barrel! Invoking visions of a desert dream, the palate of raspberry jam, dates, clove, coffee and cocoa make this a big, bold wine that you won't soon forget.

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### WINE PROFILE

**VARIETAL BLEND:**  
100% PETIT VERDOT

**VINTAGE:**  
2010

**APPELLATION:**  
GRAND VALLEY AVA

**TERROIR:**  
100% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

### TECHNICAL DATA

**ALCOHOL:**  
13.9%

**WINE ACIDITY:**  
7.3 g/L

**WINE pH:**  
3.51

**HARVEST DATE:**  
OCTOBER 28, 2010

**BOTTLING DATE:**  
AUGUST 10, 2012

**CASES PRODUCED:**  
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