

# CANYON WIND

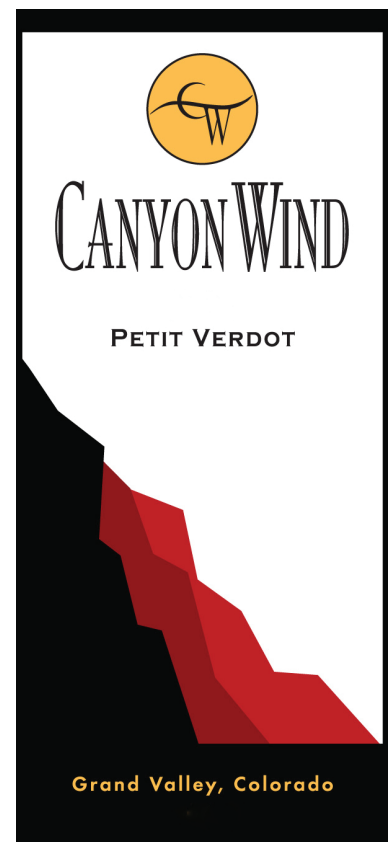
## 2012 PETIT VERDOT GRAND VALLEY AVA

### 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 17-month oak barrel program consisting of new, one and two-year old American and French oak.

An early start to spring and warm growing season resulted in the earliest harvest in our 16-year history and produced a Petit Verdot with aromas of blackberry, peppercorn, tobacco, cola, and cassis. Abundant flavors of huckleberry, bergamot, pomegranate, toasted oak, vanilla, and a hint of anise and chocolate with a broad mouthfeel and good acid balance make this a big, bold wine that you won't soon forget.

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### WINE PROFILE

**VARIETAL BLEND:**  
100% PETIT VERDOT

**VINTAGE:**  
2012

**APPELLATION:**  
GRAND VALLEY AVA

**TERROIR:**  
100% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

### TECHNICAL DATA

**ALCOHOL:**  
15.1%

**WINE ACIDITY:**  
6.5 g/L

**WINE pH:**  
3.51

**HARVEST DATE:**  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

**BOTTLING DATE:**  
FEBRUARY 22, 2014

**CASES PRODUCED:**  
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