

# CANYON WIND

*"We're really focused on letting the grape do the work and of allowing what you did in the vineyard to become the liquid you'll be working with."*

*-Jay Christianson  
Second Generation, Canyon Wind Cellars*

## 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.

2009 was the coldest year since our first planting. The extended time on the vine created a wine rife with aromas of blackberries & cherries, white pepper and an underlying earthiness. Spicy black pepper, concentrated dark fruit and a generous mouthfeel lead to a wine to be enjoyed now or well into the future.

189 cases produced.

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Petit Verdot



Grand Valley, Colorado

## WINE PROFILE:

VARIETAL BLEND:

100% PETIT VERDOT

VINTAGE:

2009

APPELLATION:

GRAND VALLEY AVA

TERROIR:

100% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

## TECHNICAL DATA:

ALCOHOL:

14.6%

WINE ACIDITY:

7.1 g/L

WINE pH:

3.38