



## 2019 Wessex Hundred Petit Verdot

A brilliantly balanced wine with loads of fresh berries and some darker aged fruits. Nestled amongst the fruits is a soft earthiness along with some cocoa, vanilla and pepper. The minerality is nicely paired with the soft tannins. The oak is beautifully balanced with the weight of the fruit. Overall, the mouthfeel and aromatics are explosive yet controlled with a sublimely soft finish. Ultimately the wine is very complex and everything is in such harmony. This wine simply makes me smile and may be the best Wessex Petit Verdot to date. – *Matthew Meyer, Winemaker*

**VINTAGE:** Starting with a mild winter we rolled into an early spring. In late March we started seeing temps in the 70's with just a few cooler days to follow. The spring conditions led to excellent fruit set and ultimately a bountiful crop. The summer, for Virginia, was very mild with only a few days of hot humid conditions. The Autumn was particularly dry with warm days and cool nights. From mid-September to early October, we experienced very little rain which is invaluable for maturing grapes. I believe the 2019 vintage to be the best I have experienced in Virginia for my tenure here.

**BLEND:** 100% Petit Verdot

**HARVEST:**

The Petit Verdot was harvested on 18 September 2019 at 24.1 brix, 3.70 pH and 4.18 g/L TA.

**VINEYARD SOURCING:**

Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg, VA

**FERMENTATION:**

The grapes fermented in stainless steel for 7 days with D254 Yeast.

**AGING:** 15 months in 29% new French oak, 25% 1-year French oak, 17% 2-year French oak, 8% 2-year American oak, 21% neutral French oak.

**BOTTLING DATE:** March 2021

**RELEASE DATE:** June 2021

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

12.1% Alc.  
4.03 pH  
5.70 g/L TA  
0.03% RS (Dry)

