

2018 "LITTLE BIG MAN" PETIT VERDOT

\$ 4 8 / 7 5 0 M L . B O T T L E (R E T A I L)

TASTING NOTES

Our Estate Grown Petit Verdot is truly the oxymoron its name suggests. In the vineyard, the Petit Verdot yields open clusters with tiny berries. Tiny berry size leads to a high ratio of skin to juice contact during the fermentation process which creates a wine that exudes concentrated aromatics of blueberry, blackberry, lilac, raspberry, and a subtle hint of oak-inspired cedar and vanilla. The palate offers fine, silky tannins which give the wine its velvety mouthfeel. A touch of American oak adds complexity with flavors of vanilla and cedar, with baking spice acting as a sideshow to the main act of black cherry, plum, and lilac. Cleansing acidity runs the length of the wine to retain balance and provides a long-lasting finish. Don't be misled by its name, "Little Big Man", as this big and bold wine can hold up to most grilled meats. While it drinks well now, this wine will only benefit from some cellaring time. Don't forget to decant!

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage started out warmer than usual but ended up delivering a kind growing season. By June the weather was nice, and then it got hot through July and most of August. This vintage really benefited from September and October with warm days and cool nights allowing the fruit to mature nicely.



ABOUT ALEXANDRIA NICOLE CELLARS

Founders Jarrod and Ali Boyle are dedicated to producing small lots of hand-crafted wine from our own Destiny Ridge Estate Vineyard. Through attentive viticulture management, balanced crop levels, gentle hand-harvesting and processing of grapes, and passionate winemaking, we produce consistent quality in every bottle. Located in the Horse Heaven Hills, our 327-acre estate vineyard is located high on the bluffs overlooking the majestic Columbia River. It is here, high on the dominate ridge, that our grapes thrive in these unique soils. It is here that our winemaker Jarrod nurtures the fruit quality from bud to bottle. Our belief is that quality starts in the vineyard.

