

SANDHILL



Every year, when we make our wines at Sandhill, we discover unique and distinctive barrels that deserve very special attention. The result is our ever-evolving **Small Lots Program**, showcasing these finely crafted creations.

PETIT VERDOT 2006

PHANTOM CREEK VINEYARD

87% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

**SMALL LOTS
PROGRAM
223 CASES**

GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2006 season began with light but steady spring rain, creating vigorous growing conditions that produced more bunches than desirable. To stay within the yield targets, our growers worked diligently to thin these sizeable clusters cutting almost 40% of the fruit produced on all red varieties.

The season progressed with uninterrupted sunshine and ideal temperatures through late July, except when intense heat became a mild concern for growers. Luckily, the heat wave was short-lived and the crop was unaffected. Forest fires burning across the US border brought a slight haze of smoke to the South Okanagan. The smoke did not impact flavour; however it may have contributed to the extended growing season.

WINEMAKING

- Harvested on November 1, 2006
- Gentle crush into small fermenters
- Thorough hand punch downs
- Aged in new American oak for 18 months

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14%
Dryness Code	0
Sugar	0
TA	6.0g/litre

FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Intriguing aromatic nose of Bing cherry, bramble fruit, sweet cedar, plum and a touch of fresh forest floor.
- Medium-bodied wine with silky, yet drying tannins.
- Flavours of juicy cherry, blueberry and blackberry with just a touch of smoke on the finish.
- Pairs well with pot roasts, lamb chops, steak and kidney pies, prime rib and game birds like pheasant or quail.

Release Date	June 2009
Cases Produced	223
PID	1040258
CSPC	114587
PRICE	\$29.99



WINEMAKER NOTES

"Petit Verdot is rarely produced in the Okanagan Valley. This interesting wine is used to add intensity and body to Bordeaux blends or on its own it shows a splendid expression of fully ripened fruit."

- Howard Soon, Winemaker

A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE VINEYARD

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1125 RICHTER STREET KELOWNA, BC CANADA V1Y 2K6 T 250-762-3332 F 250-762-2999
1000-1200 WEST 73RD AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC CANADA V6P 6G5 T 604-267-9463 F 604-264-6810
VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA