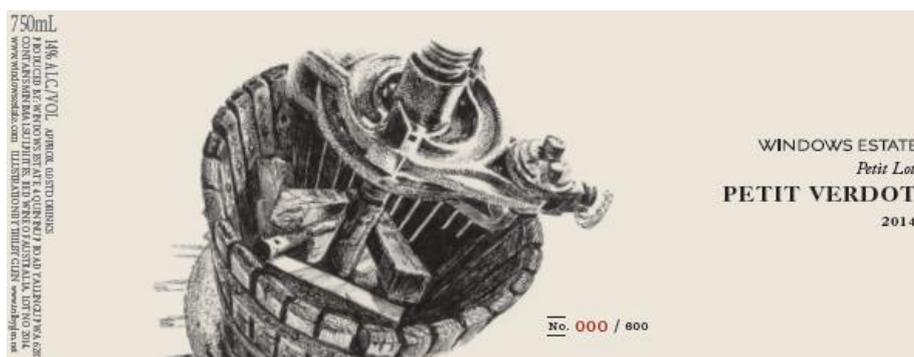


2014 PETIT LOT PETIT VERDOT

Each wine within a vintage has a story, our Petit Lot labels tell that story.



THE STORY

Our iconic hand operated basket press is what we have chosen to feature on this year's Petit Lot Petit Verdot.

This wine was born out of our wish to showcase what we believe is a beautiful but often misunderstood variety. Typically used for blending the variety needs to be handled very gently once the fruit is off of the vine. If it is left alone it shines and showcases the most amazing aromatics and varied layers over many years.

We believe that one key element to producing a balanced Petit Verdot is our basket press. It is no secret that Petit Verdot isn't short on tannin, utilising our basket press we are ensuring that none of the harsher tannin is extracted resulting in a balanced varietal. It is also a wine that needs age to show its true potential and having a small run allows us to age it for 3 years in bottle prior to release.

THE VINEYARD

Each year Chris cane prunes the vines with his focus firmly on seeing the vines reach their full potential and encapsulate the year that was within the fruit. Not every vine is pruned identically, the process is altered depending on the vine and what Chris feels it needs. It can easily be forgotten but it takes 12 months to produce a wine, a wine that is alive and tells a story of a year on our little farm. Drinking this wine we are taken back to possibly one of the most perfect vintages we have experienced.

The Petit Verdot is planted in our Home block right on the Ironstone/laterite ridge that runs in an East West direction to the back of the property. The ability of this block to showcase the earth in the resulting wine is outstanding. The topsoil varies across this block from fertile karri loam to a gravelly sandy loam, dig down around 30cm and the laterite begins, rocks upon rocks. The physical slope coupled with the gravelly nature of this block ensure it is very free draining, small, concentrated berries are the result. The vines have a North South orientation ensuring that they get ample sunlight during the ripening period.

THE WINE

Colour: Brilliant deep ruby

Nose: Blackberries, cassis and prunes are complemented by lifted floral notes, dark chocolate, cigar box, tobacco leaf and dried herbs. An incredibly complex and highly intriguing nose that will see you uncovering yet another nuance every time you come back to it.

Palate: It opens with rich dark berry fruit, subtle and well-integrated cedary oak, and a hint of cacao, but also evokes images of red earth and black olive tapenade as it lingers on the palate. This Petit Verdot is very linear and beautifully structured with a perfect balance between fruit, the surprisingly fine-grained tannins and its lively acidity. The finish seems to go on forever. Cellar to 2026.

You will note that we never display the technical data on our wines. We are not driven and governed by numbers, we seek balance within the wine and a flavour profile that typifies the year that was on our farm.