

20th Anniversary Port

2016 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



100% Petit Verdot Port
Dionysus Vineyard

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

RS: 8.1 g/liter

18.7% alc. by vol.

187 cases produced



Over the past 20 years, owners Brett and Denise Isenhower built a winery, opened satellite tasting rooms, sold thousands of cases of wine, and collected multiple winemaking awards. The Isenhower team is saying "Cheers to 20 Years" with a special 20th Anniversary Petit Verdot Port.

"We're looking forward to celebrating 20 years of wine with our community of supporters, and we're hoping to connect with new friends too," says winery co-owner Brett Isenhower. "20 years is a big milestone, and we're just getting warmed up. We'd love to celebrate our success and toast to the future with friends new and old."

Winemaking

Port wines are produced by adding high alcohol brandy to fermenting wine. The brandy stops the fermentation, leaving a desired percentage of residual sugar and higher alcohol levels than traditional red wine, creating a deep, rich dessert-style wine that ages very well.

We distilled Cabernet Sauvignon from Summit View Vineyard to make the brandy. Petit Verdot from Dionysus Vineyard was chosen because they are our most ripe grapes every harvest. The Petit Verdot was fermented to 10 brix, pressed, and then 31.5 gallons of the 172.6 proof brandy was added. The net result is a 18.7% alcohol Port with 8.1% residual sugar. The Port was aged in neutral French Oak barrels for 2 years, then bottled in a stylized 20th Anniversary bottle. We were very pleased to have "nailed it" on our first attempt to make a port.

Tasting

The initial aromas are blackberries, lilacs, black cherry pie, white pepper, wet stones, and truffles. A full inhalation provides a feeling of sweet warmth. The Port has flavors of blackberries and cherry pie with hints of white pepper and truffles. The mouthfeel is sweet and luscious, however not cloying because of the acidity. Tannins are very restrained and integrated. Enjoy through 2039.

Thank You

Surviving and thriving in the wine business for 20 years is a noteworthy accomplishment for a middle-class family operated winery. The 20th Anniversary Petit Verdot Port is our thanks to our wine club members, customers, and supporters who have been with us since 1999.

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