

# Lilypilly Petit Verdot

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Region: Leeton, Australia

Variety: Petit Verdot

Alcohol : 14.0%

Bottle size: 750ml

Wine Style: Dry Red

Vintage: 2002

Notes:

The grapes for this wine were harvested from 4 year old Petit Verdot vines on April 19, 2002.

One of the coolest years in the history of our winery. Great varietal flavour and wonderful balance.

Deep, black cherry colour; intense ripe berry fruit with violets; full, finishing rounded and soft.

Petit verdot is one of the officially endorsed red grape varieties in the great French winemaking district of Bordeaux. There, in the most highly regarded sub-district of the Médoc, it shares precious vineyard space with cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and malbec, and is reputed to have a significant influence on wine structure and flavour in great vintages.

Petit verdot is a late-ripening variety and in the cool climate of Bordeaux it often fails to ripen sufficiently to be included in the blend. In fact, its name literally translates as "the little green one".

In the warmth of the Riverina we have no problems ripening petit verdot every year and have found it to produce some of our very best dry reds — spicy and fragrant, with potential to mature gracefully for up to a decade.

