

# BITNER VINEYARDS

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## 2018 PETIT VERDOT / MERLOT

*62% Petit Verdot 38% Merlot*

*Estate Vineyards - Snake River Valley, Idaho*

Merlot is one of the most popular of all red grape varieties in America, and for good reason. It typically produces a fruit-driven wine with soft tannins and moderate acidity, making it a versatile, easy-drinking choice that pairs agreeably with a wide variety of foods.

Petit Verdot is much less well known. Its small, darkly colored, thick-skinned berries produce wines with firm tannins of deep color and intensely floral perfume. It is often blended with lighter red grapes to add color, aroma, and ageability.

### Tasting Notes

Merlot and Petit Verdot blended together can deliver wines of plush, ripe fruit with great structure and complexity. Our 2018 bottling features aromas of plum and lilac, with notes of black currant, marionberry, and dried fig on the palate. Delicious now, it will continue to develop in the bottle for many years.

**Perfect Pairings:** This wine is magnificent with Pork Tenderloin and Oven-Roasted Plums, Grilled Flat Iron Steak with Thyme Baby Potatoes, and “Creamy Polenta with Roasted Mushrooms and Tomatoes”\*.

\**Vegan, at Times Cookbook by Jessica Seinfeld*



**Production: 181 cases**

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Price: \$40 / Member: \$34

