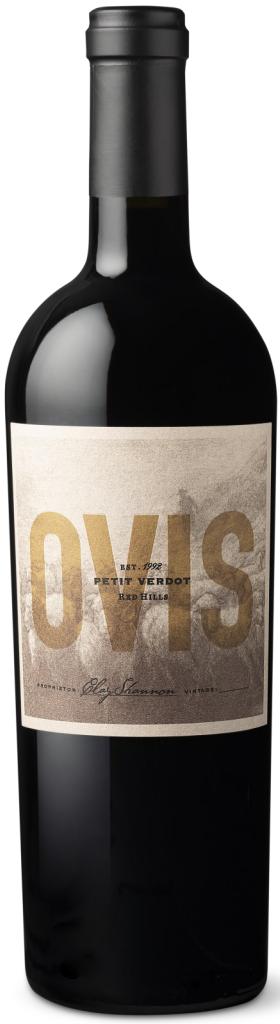
Ovis *(Latin for sheep)…. is a small lot of wine that pays homage to the flock of sheep that help control the cover crops and weeds in the vineyards. The sheep and the dedicated Great Pyrenees guard dogs are the foundation of Clay Shannon's sustainable farming practices. His love of protecting mother earth creates fertile lands that produce this extraordinary wine that he and his family offer to you with pride.*

OVIS

Petit Verdot



Vintage 2019

2019 was a wet spring followed by a mild summer. It was ideal for long hang time and getting phenolic ripeness. Early season frost singed low areas but cooled off all northern locations and allowed for extended hang time of our Cabernet and Petite Sirah.

Acids remained naturally higher this vintage and brix were slow to accumulate until they spiked at the end of the season. Power shutoffs made pressing and pumping grapes difficult. In the end we got all the fruit in and made some beautiful wines for the mild season.

Tasting Notes

Amazing wine takes time. From the Red Hills Vineyard we have produced this aromatic, rich, mouth filling wine. It took three years to find the best block of Petit Verdot in the Red Hills and two years aging in barrel to let the fruit components and tannin meld naturally. Aromas of dried plum, juicy cherry, and white pepper, balanced with flavors of marionberry, sultanas, herbs de Provence and clove that lingers for ages. This very dark garnet wine will leave your glass stained and age in your cellar for years to come.

Petit Verdot • High Valley AVA
100% ML complete in barrels • 29 months in barrel
Barrel Selections: Demptos, Canton, Seguin Moreau, Nadalie, Le Roi
75% New French oak & American
Brix at harvest 26.9 • pH 3.79 • Total Acidity 5.8 g/L • Alcohol 14.1%
Ingredients: Petit Verdot grapes, yeast, tartaric acid, potassium metabisulfite and time

791 6 packs produced