• Thought to be one of the first varieties originally planted in Bordeaux by the ancient Romans

• It is one of Bordeaux’s classic varietals but gradually fell out of favor due to difficulty in obtaining ripeness in a short growing season; hence the name Petit Verdot: “little green one”

• Shows its true potential in warm regions with long growing seasons on well-drained, gravel-based soils found the Dunnigan Hills

• Petit Verdot on the Hanging Curtain trellis system in the Matchbook Vineyard produces small clusters of tiny berries that intensify flavors and the deep, dark color

• The grape has a thick skin and a natural acidity which adds tannin, color, floral aromas, spicy flavors and a minerally finish

• Petit Verdot is valued for yielding concentrated, full-bodied wines that are age-worthy

• Extended barrel aging (24 months) softens the varietal’s rugged tannins while enhancing the dense flavors of plum, violets, mocha and the appealing fruit sweetness

“Petit Verdot could be Dunnigan Hills’s best varietal. Yes, it has firm tannins and gives great structure to wines, but ours also shows beautiful aromas of violet and great fruit expression of blueberries. Depth, structure, aroma and flavor—this wine has it all.”

—Dan Cederquist, Head Winemaker

“Petit Verdot is extremely responsive to Matchbook’s soil type and growing conditions. Remarkably, the vines can appear to be depleted yet the fruit is flavorful with intense dark color making it both a fun and challenging grape to farm.”

—Greg Giguiere, Director of Vineyard Operations