



The DogRidge DuckChase Vineyard was established in 2002 on what we believe to be the most perfect growing terrior in McLaren Vale due to its dress-circle altitude, ancient shallow topsoil and underlying limestone. The 1.9 hectares of Petit Verdot produce extremely rich varietal mulberry aromas, thick black skins for inky colour, a solid rich ripe full palate and a tremendous low pH. No oak was used in the production of this wine.

This wine is made in the vineyard!
We love it & believe you will too.

SUGGESTED FOOD:

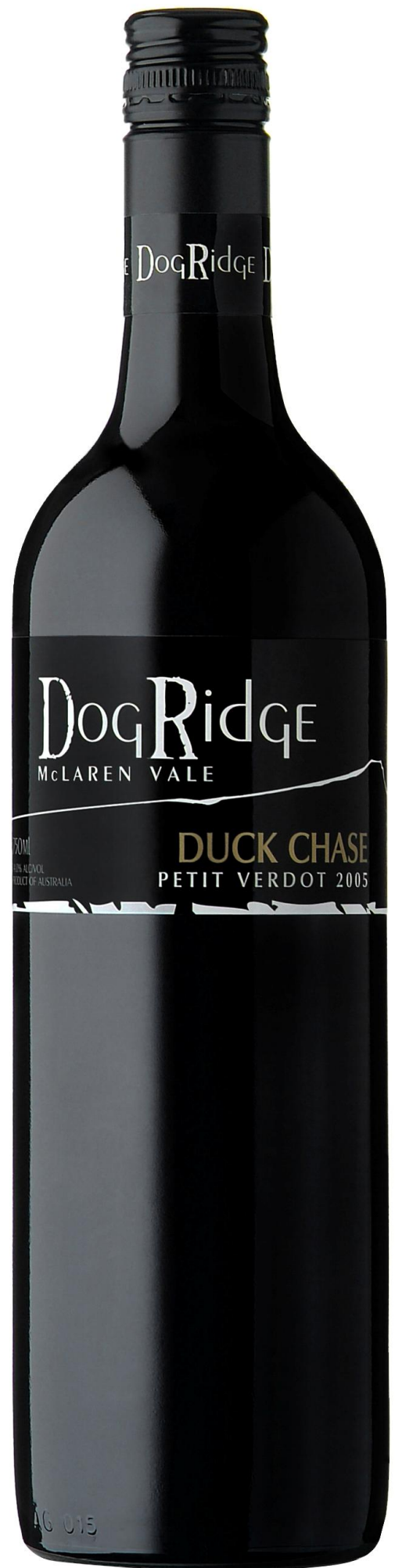
Baked vegetables (particularly beetroot) in olive oil. Turkey with medium weight jus.

DOGRIDGE supports vineyard biodiversity & employs modern sustainable viticultural practices that optimise vine health & sun exposure creating fruit of extraordinary quality.

What else would you expect from McLaren Vale?

Cheers,

Dave Wright (Vines)
Fred Howard (Wines)





INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR: BY JOSH RAYNOLDS

**2005 DOGRIDGE WINERY PETIT VERDOT RESERVE MCLAREN VALE -
92 POINTS**

(\$35) GLASS-STAINING VIOLET. IMPLoded RED AND DARK BERRY LIQUEUR ON THE NOSE, WITH INTENSE VIOLET AND ROSE ACCENTS. WITH A LITTLE AIR, THIS EXPLODES WITH EXOTIC FLORAL AND MINERAL-TINGED BLACKBERRY AND RIPE CHERRY FRUIT FLAVORS, WHICH ARE SHARPENED BY JUICY ACIDITY AND FINE-GRAINED TANNINS. SUBTLE MINERAL TONES AND A NOTE OF GINGERBREAD ACCENT THE PURE, SWEET, LONG FINISH.

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**2005 DOGRIDGE PETIT VERDOT DUCK CHASE MCLAREN VALE
90(+?) POINTS**

(\$30) INKY RUBY. BITTER CHERRY, FRESH BLACKBERRY AND SMOKED MEAT ON THE NOSE, WITH A GENTLE HINT OF BLACK PEPPER. FIRM AND LINEAR BUT WITH GOOD WEIGHT AND HEFT, THE DARK BERRY AND CHERRY FLAVORS PLENTY SWEET BUT YOUTHFULLY TAUT RIGHT NOW. OPENS SOMEWHAT WITH AERATION, BUT THIS IS AWFULLY YOUNG RIGHT NOW.

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DOG RIDGE (DCV) PETIT VERDOT 2004 - 91 POINTS

AUSTRALIAN COVERAGE IN THE IWC. (HE RATED IT ABOVE THE PENFOLD'S GRANGE, FOR INSTANCE). RAYNOLDS SAYS: "OPAQUE INKY COLOR. DENSE, BROODING AROMAS OF LICORICE, CHERRY CONFIT, MULBERRY, BITTER CHOCOLATE AND ESPRESSO. CONCENTRATED AND FIRM, WITH A SOLID BUT POLISHED TEXTURE AND FLAVORS OF CHERRY, DARK PLUM, AGED BEEF AND LICORICE CANDY. THERE ARE CLEARLY TANNINS HERE BUT THEY MELT INTO THE BUILDING FLAVORS OF JUICY CASSIS AND MINERALS. IMPRESSIVELY FRESH AND QUITE SWEET, WITH BRIGHT, TANGY FRUIT FOR SUCH A CONCENTRATED WINE. IMAGINE A CROSS BETWEEN CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE AND SAINT-EMILION."