

2021 VIOGNIER - \$26

It's like sipping summer in a glass! It's a full-bodied white, fresh and vibrant on the palate with notes of ripe peach, apricot, melon and nectarine with a hint of honey, for a delightful finish. **GOLD**

2021 CHARDONNAY - Stillwater Creek Vineyard - \$30

Its full-bodied, lightly oaked and displays an abundance of complex fresh fruit flavors that integrate nicely with well balanced acidity and a smooth creamy finish. **DOUBLE GOLD**

2020 ROSÉ - \$20

This is a red wine lover's rosé, a full-bodied blend of mostly Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Its bold and crisp, bursting with layers of fresh fruit flavors and soft minerality.

2019 MALBEC- Stillwater Creek - \$34

This is a big, robust wine with a strong backdrop of smokey, toasty oak and a ton of dark black and blue fruits. Nicely balanced with refined tannins for a smooth, rich finish. Expect notes of black cherry, blueberry compote, dark roasted espresso bean, and a wisp of cigar box on the nose. **91 points - The Wine Panel**

2018 CABERNET FRANC - \$38

This wine has the classic elements of a well-made Cabernet Franc, without the overbearing typical vegetal notes. While it has significant tannin and structure, there's enough fruit to leave you feeling the wine is well-balanced and polished. Enjoy notes of bright Bing cherry and cassis along with just a hint of dried herbs on the long, elegant finish.

92 Points - The Wine Panel

2018 GSM - Stillwater Creek - \$44

63% Grenache, 25% Mourvedre, 12% Syrah

This wine has a very pretty softness to it, with notes of bright, ripe cherry, just a hint of bramble in the background. This is a classy wine that would be popular at a big feast, surely everyone would find it very easy to get along with! **90 points - The Wine Panel**

2018 THE MYSTIC - \$50

86% Cabernet Franc, 14% Petit Verdot

Very limited bottling - Only 60 Cases Produced

2018 RESERVE MALBEC - \$55

This is one "big boy wine", forceful and robust, yet so very structured and satisfying. It's big, bold and beautiful, exactly what a premium Malbec should be.

2018 STILETTO

48% Cabernet Sauv., 30% PV, 19% Malbec, 3% Merlot

Dark cherry jumps out on the front palate, followed by ripe blackberry, dried sweet fig and a soft minerality across the mid-palate. The finish lingers on and on with bold cassis, black boysenberry, seductive chocolate and ripe dark plum that completely satiates the palate.

DOUBLE GOLD - Belle & Bottle Wine Awards

2018 SYRAH - Stillwater Creek - \$38

95% Syrah - Co-fermented with 5% Viognier

Big, bold, super ripe, with subtle very fine tannins - very approachable. Expect notes of very dark chocolate, blackberry, and espresso, with a polished, silky texture that still has enough structure to earn the respect of the critics. Sourced from the well-respected Stillwater Creek Vineyard on the Royal Slope, this is lot of wine for the money! **91 Points - The Wine Panel**

2017 ENTOURAGE - \$26

An entourage of traditional Bordeaux varietals that join together for a truly delightful red table wine.

2017 ENTWINED - \$34

46% Cab. Sauv., 43% Merlot, 7% Cab. Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

This Bordeaux style blend is smooth and velvety from the get-go. The first sip greets you with marionberry, wild blackberry and black currant followed by a burst of juicy black cherry. The finish leaves you with black plum, soft blueberry, dark chocolate and a wisp of vanilla. All these flavors are interwoven with nicely balanced tannins and acids creating a wine that is right on point in every way.

91 Points - The Wine Panel - DOUBLE GOLD

2017 ESCAPADE - Mourvedre - \$42

88% Mourvedre, 7% Syrah, 3% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

The front palate has plentiful black plum and rich intense cassis leading into ripe blackberry and wild boysenberry. The finish is long and lingering with lovely blueberry, huckleberry and hints of black licorice, dark cocoa and a sweet spicy wood.

2017 GSM - \$44

66% Grenache, 22% Mourvedre, 12% Syrah

The nose has intermingled lush dark and red fruits, soft cedar shavings with underlying cocoa and vanilla. Its amply loaded with garrique, white pepper and lively minerality that pulsates with flavors of steeped red and black currants, fresh raspberry and blueberry. Flashy acidity and grippy fine tannins are inlaid with savory dried herbs that propel the finish.

92pts. WA Tasting Room Magazine

GOLD - Seattle Wine Awards - DOUBLE GOLD - Wine Press NW

2017 LTD, Livin' the Dream \$42

56% Cabernet Franc, 29% Cabernet, 12% Merlot, 3% PV

A well-rounded wine, sleek and smooth with aromas of ripe black cherry, spicy toasted wood and hints of blueberry. It greets you with lush ripe cherry and abundant cassis, leading to plump blackberry and plum, finishes with dense opulent fruit, toasted wood and vanilla that lingers on your palate for a smooth finish.

GOLD - Seattle Wine Awards

2017 RESERVE PETIT VERDOT - \$55.

A reserve wine only happens in the most perfect of growing years. The nose is choked full of abundant black fruits and undertones of molasses, soft violet and a touch of leather. The first sip is saturated with ripe blackberry, black cherry and plum, followed by blueberry, huckleberry and a hint of dark cocoa. It finishes with mature Marion berry, sweet vanillin, black licorice and fleck of black pepper.

2017 PRIMA DONNA - \$42

50% Cab. Franc, 30% Merlot, 15% Cab. Sauvignon and 5% PV

Simply said, it's just plain yummy! The nose invites you in with aromas of rich Bing cherry, hints of raspberry, lively dark fruits, spicy cedar, and soft scents of vanillin. Your first sip introduces perfectly ripened red and black cherry followed by loads of black fruits and subtle hints of semi-sweet chocolate. The finish is pleasantly long and lingering, with layered red and black raspberry, ripe blackberry, a sprinkle of graphite, and hint of soft sweet molasses.

94Pts. - Double Gold - Washington Wine Award

2017 STILETTO - Stillwater Creek Vineyard - \$42

63% Cab. Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, 15% Malbec, 7% Merlot

This is a wine that compels you to savor, pause and contemplate life— sleek and smooth yet full of dense and opulent fruit. The front palate starts offers ample Bing cherry and ripe blackberry flavors leading to fresh Acai berry, boysenberry and sweet black raspberry. It finishes with satisfying flavors of black currant, velvety ripe plum and a soft undertone of tobacco and dark cocoa.

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - \$36

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

A well-structured wine exhibiting fragrant scents of stone fruits leading to an abundance of black fruit flavors and notes of chocolate and cedar on the long lingering finish. It's full bodied with firm sleek tannins.

2016 DISCOVERY CABERNET SAUVIGNON - \$55

Discovery Vineyard - Horse Heaven Hills

Demonstrates impeccably chiseled structure harmoniously balanced with graceful power. Compact flavors of ripe blackberry, cassis and cherry are bolstered by sweet oak, sage, graphite and mocha. Ends with vibrant acidity and dense tannins that impart focus on the extroverted finish.

95 pts. Washington Tasting Room Magazine

Double Gold. - Washington State Wine Competition

2016 LTD, *Living the Dream* - \$42

58% Cab Franc, 28% Cabernet, 10% Merlot, 4% Petite Verdot

Well sculpted and sophisticated, with waves of concentrated black currant, red plum and raspberry preserves that meld gorgeously with crushed rock and minerality. Cocoa powder and light cedar hints are met with firm, polished tannins that carry long on the satisfying finish.

93 pts. Washington Tasting Room Magazine GOLD - Seattle Wine Awards

2016 SVS - Stillwater Creek Vineyard - \$45

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 8% PV

A multi-dimensional Bordeaux style blend exploding with dark fruit and impressive balance of tannins and acid. The front palate has you from the get-go, filling your mouth with vibrant ripe blackberry and fleshy black cherry leading to lush black huckleberry and plump black plum sauce and finishing with distinctive cassis, juicy loganberry and hints of graphite, classic black cocoa and spicy toasted wood.

2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON - \$36

Inky color and nose of candied black licorice, dark fruits and soft floral scents of geranium and cedar. The front palate has rich blackberry jam and stone fruit followed by an explosion of dark fruit with hints of chocolate and thyme. The finish is an encore of cherry, soft blueberry, stone fruit and subtle chocolate.

2015 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC - \$65

Unique and exceptional! The aroma is huge with notes of sweet candied wood, black currant, cassis, with a slight hint of violet and soft graphite. Serious flavors of ripe red fruits across the front palate leading to ripe raspberry and soft blueberry, finishing with cassis and a twinge of black licorice.

2015 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON - \$65

100% Cabernet from Stillwater Creek Vineyard

A nose of toasted wood, black currant, black plum and a hint of leather. This cab delivers in every way you'd expect, with a plethora of black fruit flavors, baking spices and hints of black pepper, all coming together into a positively heavenly, well balanced wine with a finish that goes on and on.

2015 PETIT VERDOT - Stillwater Creek Vineyard - \$38

Powerful ripe black fruit aromas with hints of violet, vanilla and pencil shavings followed by rich flavors of black fruit, soft blueberry and juicy plum with hints of sage, violet, and vanilla, black cherry, molasses, spicy wood and cocoa.

2015 SVS - Stillwater Creek Vineyard - \$45

63% Cab. Sauv, 17% Merlot, 10% Cab. Franc, 7% PV, 3% Malbec

An opulent Cabernet dominant blend, with a deep concentration of cassis, rich blackberry and red currant intricately layered over a beguiling texture and details of dried Mission fig, graham, violet and espresso. A dense carpet of tannins lends support to the exquisite structure. Finishes long, with notes of loam and earth.

Limited quantity of library wines available.

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OUR STORY

Pondera is a family owned, boutique winery established in 2005. We specialize in the production of high quality, well balanced red and white varietals and red blends made from grapes sourced from some of Washington's most highly regarded vineyards. Each wine is very limited with our production just under 3000 cases annually.

Owner/winemaker, Shane Howard, has proven his ability to create outstanding wines year after year, consistently winning Gold, Double Gold and "Diamond of the Decade" awards from competitions across the state and was honored as one of the 2021 Washington Wine Award "Winemakers of the Year".

Most of our wines are sold direct to Wine Club members and to tasting room guests. We age our wines longer in barrel and bottle than most wineries, so they are ready to drink upon release. Our plan is to stay small, keeping a hands on approach to producing outstanding hand-crafted wines in limited quantities. We invite you to become a member of our Wine Club so you may enjoy and share our wines with your friends and family at home. Cheers!

**Pondera, n. pon'dera;
from late Latin**

1. Balance.
2. An aesthetically pleasing integration of elements.
3. A steadiness between terroir, vine and man.