



# CHALK HILL

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB  
2016 MALBEC  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OUR 2016 MALBEC came from two blocks at our 56-acre Estate West vineyard located on a contiguous piece of property just across Chalk Hill Road from the winery. These west-facing sites feature clay, rock and loam soils that are perfect for Malbec.

The 2016 growing season began with an earlier than average bud break and fruit set followed by moderate temperatures in spring and summer. This allowed for even ripening, and balanced flavors. Our 2016 Malbec is a deep garnet color with expressive aromas of black cherry, violet, tobacco and sweet vanilla. This wine is dark and bold, with concentrated flavors of ripe plum, blackberry, espresso and cracked pepper. Dense tannins and a silky texture round out the palate with a subtle gamey character on the finish. This wine will age wonderfully over the next 6-8 years.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* OCTOBER 8 & 11, 2016  
*Average Yields:* 3.4 TONS/ACRE  
*Average Brix at Harvest:* 24.75°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE  
*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 71% NEW  
*Barrel Aging:* 21 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 100% MALBEC  
*Bottling Date:* JULY 13, 2018  
*pH:* 3.91     *TA:* 5.49 G/L     *Alcohol:* 15.4%