



CHALK HILL

2018 MALBEC

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OUR 2018 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 2018 growing season was one of the most consistent in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to prime fruit set and ideal growing conditions. Our 2018 Malbec is a powerful wine in its own right with a dense and silky texture. Powerful aromatics of cherry, violet, dried thyme, and roasted espresso lead into a palate that is filled with flavors of blueberries, cherries, leather, vanilla, and espresso. Truly a savory, dense and balanced wine, the big and bold tannins make this a perfect pairing with a roasted pork loin. This Malbec will age beautifully over the next 6-8 years.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: OCTOBER 25 & 31, 2018

Average Yields: 2.89 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.2°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN STAINLESS STEEL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: FRENCH OAK, 85% NEW

Barrel Aging: 18 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% MALBEC

Bottling Date: JUNE 23, 2020

pH: 3.80 *TA:* 5.57 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.5%

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