

## 2019 Malbec Petit Verdot

This wine boldly marries 75% Malbec with 25% Petit Verdot. The Malbec comes from our 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 2019 harvest started 1-2 weeks later than usual. A wet winter and spring followed by persistent cool temperatures extended the growing season allowing the grapes to mature gradually. Vintners from around the state are praising the full flavors, fresh acidity and superb balance of this year's crop. Our 2019 Malbec-Petit Verdot opens with powerful aromas of dark cherry and black berry fruits, cigar box, black tea and vanilla. The mouthfeel is bold, rich, and dense, offering layers of complex flavors and chewy tannins with black raspberry, and dark chocolate notes. With proper cellaring this wine will continue to evolve for years to come.

## HARVEST

Harvest Dates: October 17-22, 2019

Average Yields: 5.4 tons / Acre

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.1°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% French Oak, 50% new

Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

## WINE

Blend: 75% MALBEC, 25% PETIT VERDOT
Bottling date: JULY 14, 2021

pH: 3.65 TA: 6.13 G/L Alcohol: 15.5%