



2019  
MALBEC - RUTHERFORD  
HANDMADE

### VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was truly remarkable. With Mother Nature's support, the growing season provided fantastic grape growing conditions. Early warm summer days allowed the grapes to acclimate and develop superior flavor profiles. A cooler fall with a few sporadic heat spikes helped achieve even ripening resulting in robust and full flavors.

### VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate Handmade Malbec is grown on loamy soils of gravel, clay and sand which help provide ample drainage and decrease the vigor of foliage growth. These ideal growing conditions allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green leafy taste of under-ripened fruit. After 20 months of aging in 50% new French oak, the wine was bottled on July 28, 2021.

### TASTING

On the nose, the 2019 Handmade Malbec opens with strong aromas of violet, red plum and peppercorn. Dark flavors of plum, blackberry, tobacco and mocha dominate the palate. Lush tannins meld together with mild acidity and pleasant oak notes on the long and satisfying finish.

### STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.5%
COMPOSITION	100% Malbec	TA	5.8 g/L
AGING	20 months in French oak, 50% new	pH	3.74
		BOTTLING DATE	July 28, 2021
		PRODUCTION	208 cases