



2016

Malbec

DRY CREEK VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY

BEST OF CLASS • DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL • 95 POINTS

2019 Los Angeles International Wine Competition

GOLD MEDAL • 91 POINTS

2019 Press Democrat North Coast Wine Challenge

GOLD MEDAL

2018 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our winemaking protocol demands separate small carefully temperature regulated fermentations for each varietal providing optimum treatment for our Malbec. This wine is carefully pressed direct to barrels and aged separately until rigorous blending trials the Spring before Summer bottling. Each individual barrel is tasted for uniqueness and provides an essential blend diversity that typifies our wines as well as an exceptional 22 month ageing period.

COMPOSITION	100% Malbec
VINEYARD	Tzabaco Rancho Vineyards, Dry Creek Valley
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
BARREL AGEING	22 months in 100% French oak
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	6.0 g/L
PH	3.70
PRODUCTION	75 cases

TASTING NOTES

The nose slowly opens to share aromas of oak, cedar and tobacco woven with rich black raspberry notes. The smooth, luscious entry showcases classic flavors of cherry and blackberry layered with cigar box, mocha and hints of dried fine herbs. Though still youthful, the palate already reflects the perfectly honed balance of tannins, oak and fruit.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Try pairing this delicious wine with mixed sausage paella, or grilled lamb chops with a balsamic reduction