



2016 MALBEC

Juicy and layered, the nose has notes of leather, dried fruit, ripe quince, chocolate, cherries and baking spices. The palate is juicy and concentrated with further fruit character and spices. The tannins are fine and elegant.

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season started out early and similar to 2015 -hot hot hot. Both bud break and flowering were ahead of schedule in the spring with little rainfall, lots of sun and warm temperatures in both April and May. In June things became less consistent with more rain and lower temperatures. This weather continued through July with temperatures continuing to sit below the average for the first half of the month. It was mid-July before 'summer' seemed to kick back in with temperatures sitting around average for the rest of July, August and September.

WINEMAKING

This was our 3rd vintage of a small lot Malbec. Our estate vineyard has just 1 acre of Malbec planted with 2,000 plants. Most of our Malbec is used to create our Red Icon blend. Small lots can only be made in select vintages. The wine was aged in 30% new oak for 18 months. Unfiltered.

BLEND 100% MALBEC

CLONE 589

ROOT STOCK 3309

ALC % VOLUME 15.0%

PH 3.87 **TA G/L** 6.6 **RS G/L** 2.6

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