



# 2018 MALBEC

Striking dark purple colour in the glass, offering blackberries, cassis, dark cherries on the nose along with a floral note. The palate is full of juicy dark fruit and the tannins are silky and elegant.

## VINTAGE

It was an overall cooler vintage with a delayed start due to cool and wet weather. The vineyard caught up by mid-summer, just in time for the smoke to roll in in August and delay things with the blocked sunlight. That said, we are incredibly pleased this was the only impact of the smoke on our vineyard. We intentionally left leaves on all the vines throughout the smoke risk period in case there were soot issues, but due to the fantastic air movement on our site no soot settled on the fruit. Thanks to a lovely fall with lots of sunlight and little rain, the fruit was beautifully ripened on schedule with harvest beginning in October and completed by November 5th.

## WINEMAKING

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. In 2018 our Malbec was harvested on October 12. The wine was aged in 30% new oak for 18 months. Unfiltered.

**BLEND** 100% MALBEC

**PRODUCTION** 155 CASES

**CLONE** 589

**ROOT STOCK** 3309

**ALC % VOLUME** 14.0%

**PH** 3.74    **TA G/L** 6.6    **RS G/L** 1.2

**CSPC +** 489799