



## 2019 Malbec

The inky dark purple colour invites you in with a floral nose and aromas of dusty blueberries. The supple tannins are elegantly balanced with further bright flavours of blackberries, red plums, and vanilla.

## VINTAGE

Overall, the 2019 vintage had challenges, but we are exceptionally proud with how our site and team handled them. The season started off cool with more than average rainfall. Our team effectively cropped and maintained the vineyard to ensure high quality fruit and ripeness. While this in turn led us to having the lowest crop yield since 2012, it was well worth it. Our site conditions made it so that we did not experience the early October frosts and were able to continue to hang fruit until late October. Overall, Alain says that this will be a spectacular cool climate vintage from Painted Rock.

## WINEMAKING

Our estate vineyard has just 1 acre of Malbec planted with 2,000 clone 589 plants. Most of our Malbec is used to create our Red Icon blend. Small lots can only be made in select vintages. In 2019 our Malbec was harvested on October 10. The wine was aged in 30% new oak for 18 months. Unfiltered. BLEND 100% MALBEC PRODUCTION 145 CASES FORMATS 750 ML ALC % VOLUME 14.3% PH 3.74 TA G/L 6.2 RS G/L 1.9 CSPC + 489799

2018 - 93 Points, John Schreiner
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2017 - 93 Points, Sara d'Amato, WineAlign
2016 - 92 Points, John Schreiner
2016 - Gold Medal, WineAlign NWAC 2019

