



CHALK HILL

2018 MALBEC PETIT VERDOT

This wine boldly marries 75% Malbec with 25% Petit Verdot. The Malbec comes from our Estate West vineyard located on a contiguous piece of property just across Chalk Hill Road from the winery. These west-facing sites feature clay, rock and loam soils that are perfect for Malbec.

The 2018 growing season was one of the most consistent in recent memory. Mild spring weather led to prime fruit set and ideal growing conditions. The fruit for this wine was harvested October 25 and November 1, at an average of 25.2°Brix. The wine underwent bi-weekly bâtonnage during malolactic fermentation and was aged for 20 months in 85% new French oak. The wine was then bottled unfiltered on July 30, 2020. A powerhouse from the start, this wine opens with aromas of dark cherry and black berry fruits, cigar box, leather and vanilla. The mouthfeel is savory and dense, offering layers of complex flavors and chewy tannins. The big, indulgent profile of this wine lends it to food pairings of the same caliber. We recommend decanting and pairing with a red meat main course. With proper cellaring this wine will continue to evolve for years to come.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Average Yields: 2.64 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 25.2°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: FRENCH OAK (85% NEW)

Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 75% MALBEC, 25% PETIT VERDOT

Bottling date: JULY 30, 2020

pH: 3.83 *TA:* 5.45 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.5%

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