

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB 2015 MALBEC

Our 2015 Malbec came from two blocks at our 56-acre 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.

2015 was another prime vintage with moderate temperatures throughout the spring and summer. We brought in a bountiful crop of very tasty fruit. Of all the Bordeaux varieties, Malbec is surely the most generous and hedonistic. Our 2015 Malbec is an intense deep purple color with aromas of black cherry, roasted espresso, dried herbs and cracked pepper. Its flavors are just as powerful with savory notes of dried herbs, cherry, violet, and a gamey character on the finish. It is nicely balanced with a silky texture on the finish making it a big, and delectable wine that will age well over the next 5-7 years.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 Average Yields: 3.4 TONS/ACRE Average Brix at Harvest: 24.8°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

CULTURED YEAST FERMENTATION IN STAINLESS STEEL 100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 80% NEW Barrel Aging: 21 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 93% MALBEC, 7% MERLOT
Bottling Date: JUNE 2017

pH: 3.94 TA: 5.4 G/L Alcohol: 15.1%