



# CHALK HILL

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

2017 MALBEC

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OUR 2017 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.

2017 began with heavy rains in winter which reinvigorated the vineyards going into bud break. The region had sunny days throughout the spring and summer, and a heat spike in August which propelled the harvest schedule. In the glass, our 2017 Malbec is a dark crimson color with expressive aromas of black cherry, smoked cedar, and a subtle feminine touch of warm vanilla. On the palate dark fruit flavors combined with spiced black pepper meld together providing the perfect balance of rich chewy tannins and a round silky textured finish. This wine will age wonderfully over the next 6-8 years.

## H A R V E S T

*Harvest Dates:* OCTOBER 5 & 14, 2017

*Average Yields:* 2.52 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 25.3°

## F E R M E N T A T I O N / B A R R E L

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* 100% FRENCH OAK, 83% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 19 MONTHS

## W I N E

*Blend:* 100% MALBEC

*Bottling Date:* JULY 9, 2019

pH: 3.75      TA: 5.71 G/L      Alcohol: 15.5%

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