



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

VARIETALS:
95% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.57

TA: 6.8 g/L

AGING: 18 months in 29%
new French oak

BOTTLED: July 6, 2020
unfined and unfiltered



NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

SMALL LOT COLLECTION

NAPA VALLEY MALBEC

2018

2018 VINTAGE

2018 was a near picture-perfect growing season that began in late February followed by a mild Spring yielding uniform grape clusters. Temperatures remained moderate to cool throughout the season with 2018 being considered one of the coolest vintages of the past decade. The cooler temperatures allowed for a longer hangtime resulting in an even and temperate harvest.

IN THE VINEYARD

Our Small Lot Collection Malbec grapes come from our Rutherford Estate which is farmed organically and biodynamically. A small portion of Petit Verdot from St. Helena is blended in to provide more density and helps balance out the tannins of the Malbec.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The Malbec was fermented according to the regulations of organic and biodynamic winemaking and was pressed off at dryness after 38 days. The wine was aged in small French oak barrels from Saury, 29% new, for 18 months before bottling unfined and unfiltered.

WINE PROFILE

This 2017 Small Lot Malbec has a beautiful bouquet of baked plum, boysenberry and a touch of eucalyptus. Juicy fruit flavors of blackberry and blueberry mingle with notes of clove, cocoa and a hint of violet. This is a full-bodied wine with structured tannins, bright acidity and a smooth finish.