



Basel Cellars  
ESTATE WINERY

2013  
**MALBEC**  
COLUMBIA VALLEY



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Once again our Malbec was crafted from the renowned Double Canyon and Gamache Vineyards in the Columbia Valley. Each site is remarkable in its own way and brings complexity and character to this wine. The earlier ripening site of Double Canyon delivers floral and perfume notes, where Gamache Malbec is known for dark berry fruit and herbal aromas. These two lots were picked at different times and fermented separately to develop their own true identity all the way through barrel maturation. After tasting and evaluating the two distinct lots, the best barrels were chosen and blended together for this beautiful representation of Malbec.

Our Malbec possesses intriguing floral and fruity notes such as violets, mulberry and raisins on the nose, with hints of clove, dried herbs and cigar box, adding depth and intensity to the expressive aroma. The mouth feel is round and supple, with an explosion of overripe fruit and generous oak. The vibrant fruit, along with fair acidity, frames the wine considerably well and adds structure, depth and body. All these fascinating flavors and nuances deliver a well-rounded and balanced wine, with a long, pleasing finish. The ample tannin is a sign of great aging ability and is evidence that this wine goes well with food. Wild game, Indian cuisine, braised short ribs and roasted beets with mascarpone will make our Malbec taste even better! Enjoy!

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

**Vintage:** 2013

**Varieties:** 100% Malbec

**Vineyards:** Double Canyon, Gamache

**Appellation:** Columbia Valley

**Oak:** 80% French Oak, 12% American Oak, 8% Hungarian Oak, 64% new

**Alcohol:** 15.1%

**pH:** 3.82

**T.A.** 5.3g/L

**R.S.** 0.2g/L

**Production:** 582 cases

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