



2015

# MALBEC



Our 2015 Malbec was crafted from stellar fruit from Double Canyon Vineyard in the Horse Heaven Hills. Cropped at one cluster per shoot with 4' x 6' spacing, this unique site delivered rich and intense fruit at picking time. Fewer clusters per vine along with more vines per acre give this vineyard the best of both worlds. By harvesting early in the crisp morning, we were ensured bright and vibrant fruit in the cellar. Slow, open-top fermentation, in small batches, gave this wine plenty of personality and primary fermentation was finished in neutral French oak. I allowed 40% new oak during the twenty month maturation period, letting the fruit shine, and selected only the most expressive barrels prior to bottling the final Malbec blend.

This wine shows a deep, inky color and the expressive nose is revealing vivid aromas of violets and brambly fruits. Prominent notes of lavender, sweet tobacco and subtle oak is ever present on the bouquet. The mouth feel is “fleshy”, and round, with dark berry fruits creating intensity in the mid - palate. It is well supported by lively acidity and fair tannin, ensuring plenty of structure and balance in this wine. It can certainly be enjoyed by itself but will make your experience even more special when paired with a lamb burger and blue cheese, roast beef tenderloin or veal chops with roasted garlic. Cheers!

## TECHNICAL DATA

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**VARIETIES:** 100% Malbec  
**APPELLATION:** Columbia Valley  
**VINEYARDS:** Double Canyon  
**OAK:** 100% French, 40% new, 20 months  
**ALC:** 14.5%   **PH:** 3.89   **T.A.** 5.5g/L   **R.S.** 0.2g/L  
**PRODUCTION:** 443 cases