



Wine Technical Notes

2018 Estate Malbec

Varieties: 100% Malbec

Appellation: Paso Robles - Templeton Gap District

Average brix at harvest: 23.8

Vineyard: Estate

Alcohol: 13.5%

Acidity: 0.64g/100ml

PH: 3.62

Residual sugar: 0.02g/100ml

Date bottled: December 18, 2020

Cases produced: 291



Growing conditions: Late Winter rainfall (all in March), light frost (whites) and cool spring/early summer produced a great fruit set. Judicious thinning and warm days lasting into October led to an outstanding late harvest with excellent quality and yields.

Winemaking: The grapes were hand harvested, then crushed into a stainless steel fermentor. 24 hours later, the must was inoculated with D-80 yeast then pumped over twice daily for 14 days prior to pressing. After completion of malo-lactic fermentation, this Malbec was aged for 20 months in French and Hungarian oak prior to bottling.

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