

CASTORO CELLARS

Reserve MALBEC 2018

Malbec is one of the six red varieties of Bordeaux wines, the most planted grape in Argentina, and widely used in Cahors, France for blending. Our Malbec is grown in our Hog Canyon and Stones Throw Estate Vineyards, within the Estrella District sub-AVA, where it does exceptionally well! We get color depth, a richness in the mid-palate, and a ton of fruit aromas and flavors. Enjoy it now but the wine will age superbly for five to ten years too.

NIELS AND BIMMER UDSEN, Owners

HARVEST NOTES

2018 was an interesting year. A mild spring led to a favorable bloom and set period for the grapes. The summer had a heat spell for an extended period which pushed the ripening into high gear. After that, the temperatures moderated, and the grapes came in over an extended period. Berries sized up, and the yields were just slightly above our estimates. Great color and extraction all around!

WINEMAKER NOTES

Malbec has its all- fruit flavors, herbal aromas, richness in the palate, and tannin structure on the finish. Care is taken during the fermentation to not over extract the Malbec. The wine is pumped over often to extract color without extracting too much of the bitter tannins. The Malbec is aged 12 months in French and American oak to add a layer of baking spice and mocha softness to the finish and frame the red berry fruit flavors.

TOM MYERS, Winemaker

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Medium ruby red

AROMA: Black licorice, mocha, blackberry fruit

PALATE: Rich and smooth, blackberry and plum with soft tannin

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL: 100% Malbec VINEYARD SOURCES: Hog Canyon and Stones

Throw AVA: Paso Robles HARVEST DATE: November 14, 2018

BOTTLING DATE: May 7, 2020 HARVEST SUGAR: 25.3° brix

OAK: French & American OAK AGE: 12 months ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TA: 0.63 g/100mL pH: 3.72

