



CASTORO CELLARS

2021 MALBEC

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 Stones Throw Estate Vineyard, 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 & BIMMER UDSEN, Founders

HARVEST NOTES:

Every vintage has its personality. 2021 is no exception. The spring did not produce any real frost events that could have harmed the tender vines. Most of spring was mild and caused a lingering set of the grapes on the vine. Summer was generally mild with no major heat events. The challenge was getting even ripeness with the delayed fruit set. Patience and constant field sampling paid off! Some varieties came in early, and some lingered on until nearly Thanksgiving but in the end, everything made it for our Estate wines and as always 100% organic certified. Look for bright fruit in the white wines and soft tannins in the red wines.

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: Stones Throw

AVA: Paso Robles

HARVEST DATE: November 17, 2021

BOTTLING DATE: June 16, 2023

HARVEST SUGAR: 24.0° brix

OAK: French & American

OAK AGE: 12 months

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

TA: 0.6 g. 100ml

pH: 3.82

