



## MALBEC

COLUMBIA VALLEY  
2018

LIMITED RELEASE UP TO **1408**  
TOTAL CASES

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TA: 0.56 g/100 mL

PH: 3.83

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

BLEND: 98% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

CASE PRODUCTION:

1408

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### VINTAGE NOTES

- 2018 was another stellar growing season and vintage in Washington.
- Warm spring temperatures were followed by mild conditions throughout the growing season allowing for extended hang time and flavor development.
- Warm fall days allowed for full ripeness and color, while cool Washington nights helped maintain crisp natural acidity.

### VINEYARD NOTES

- Predominantly sourced (78%) from the Horse Heaven Hills AVA, with south-facing slopes that provide excellent sun exposure for grape ripening.
- 20% of the fruit was sourced from Columbia Valley AVA.
- The remaining 2% was sourced from the Wahluke Slope AVA to round out the blend.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

- Daily gentle pumpovers were used to extract optimal flavor and color and minimize harsh tannins.
- Frequent airative racking takes place during barrel aging to soften tannins and enhance mouthfeel.
- Aged 21 months in a combination of 38% New French and 62% New American Oak.

### TASTING NOTES

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