

WRITER'S BLOCK MALBEC 2015

VINEYARDS

This Malbec is sourced from the Red Hills Appellation of Lake County. The vineyard was planted in 1999-2000 on well drained slopes of iron rich red soil, remnants of an ancient eruption of Mt. Konocti, the dormant volcano which rises above Clear Lake. An excellent vineyard site above 2000 feet, we were one of the first wineries to work with Red Hills Malbec.

WINE STYLE & TASTING NOTE

Winemaker Quincy Steele's experiences working in Argentina inform this wine and its style. Native yeast fermentation, extended macerations, and cooler fermentation temperatures give him as much control as possible with respect to extracting. Aged in French, Hungarian and American oak (equal parts, although only 15% new). Aromas and flavors are very pronounced ripe red berry and black fruit, and spice with medium acid and moderate tannins.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Extremely versatile food wine that pairs well with most grilled meats and grilled vegetable preparations. Try a grilled flank steak with chimichurri sauce, a cassoulet or a cheese & charcuterie plate.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION Lake County, CA **ALCOHOL** 14.5% **PH** 3.72
TA 0.64g/100mL **RS** 0.05g/L **BARREL AGING** 12 months in French, American and Hungarian (15% new) **VINE AGE** Avg. 15 years
YIELDS 2-3 tons per acre **PRODUCTION** 1600 cases **MSRP** \$17.00

