



# 2014 | BOOK CLUB SELECT MALBEC

COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.  
CONNER LEE VINEYARD

An awesome Malbec sourced from Conner Lee Vineyard's 2002 block. This classic 100% Malbec, available only in magnums, screams Malbec! Fragrant dark fruits and smoky aromas combine with spicy black pepper, marionberry and plums, forming a velvety mid-palate and a round persistent finish.

## VINTAGE

A hot and early ripening harvest, our vineyards yielded fruit with record color and tannin. This is in alignment with our house style of rich and smooth age-worthy reds. Spring broke buds and flowered early. Summer temperatures were hotter than average with many July and August days over 100F. Verasion was early under good conditions, together hallmarks of great vintages. Our fruit we shaded with healthy canopies, balancing acidity and sugar ripeness while protecting against sunburn. By October, the vintage was record-breaking in total heat units, and cool picking weather was welcome.

## WINEMAKING

Starting the morning of October 15, we hand-harvested Malbec fruit into small fermenters. We hand mixed for two weeks then finished fermentation in new and mature French oak barrels. We aged on lees reductively developing savory tones complimentary to the powerful fruit. After 20 months, we selected the final blend. We then filtered for purity and aging stability. The blend offers Malbec in a ripe gorgeous expression. This rich wine will is enjoyable with a host of foods throughout those seasons.

### APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100% | 100% Conner Lee

### FINAL BLEND

100% Malbec

### AGING

100% French Oak barrels, 50% new

**CASES PRODUCED** 99 6-pack cases/1.5L magnums

**TECHNICAL DATA** Bottled: Summer 2016 • Alcohol: 14.8% by volume • pH: 3.85 • TA: 4.1g/L • RS: 1g/L

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