



2016 | BOOK CLUB SELECT MALBEC

COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.

An awesome Malbec sourced from Conner Lee Vineyard's 2002 block. This gorgeous wine offers fragrant dark fruits and spices in this delicious easy drinking style.

Beautiful fruit and spice aromas. . . "Dis da Bomb!" says our winemaker Caleb Foster. Low production from our low yielding Malbec vines. Fragrant and delightful now, it will age for years to come.

VINTAGE

A great early ripening harvest yielded fruit with black color and ripe smooth tannins. 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 100°F. Verasion was early under good conditions, a hallmark of a great vintage. Our fruit we shaded with healthy canopies balancing acidity and sugar ripeness while protecting against sunburn. By October 6, the vintage was wrapping up ideally. We celebrated with this longest ripening fruit wrapping up our stellar vintage.

WINEMAKING

Starting the last morning of harvest, October 6, we harvested Malbec fruit into small fermenters. We then hand mixed for two weeks, pressed and finished fermentation in new and mature French oak barrels. We aged on lees reductively developing savory tones complimentary to the powerful fruit. After 10 months, we selected the final blend fresh and bold. We then filtered for purity and aging stability. This Malbec offers a ripe gorgeous expression of Conner Lee Vineyards strengths of power and grace. This rich wine will be enjoyable with a host of foods throughout those seasons.

APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100% | 100% Conner Lee Vineyard

FINAL BLEND

100% Malbec

AGING

Aged in 50% new and 50% used French barrels

CASES PRODUCED 86 12-pack cases/750mL

TECHNICAL DATA Bottled: Summer 2017 • Alcohol: 14.8% by volume • pH: 3.75 • TA 4.1g/L • RS: 1g/L

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