



TRUJILLO

2021 TRUJILLO MALBEC

Vintage Notes



In my four decades of winemaking, I've had the great pleasure of crafting wines from every corner of the Napa Valley. My inspiration for small lot wines comes from stepping out of the box and culling different varieties from favorite vineyards. Each unique site produces grapes that exhibit a balance of daring personality and enveloping elegance, distinct with varietal expression, complexity of aromatics along with seamless balance that carries the wine to amazing heights.

I've always grown, harvested, and made Malbec. Mainly as a complementing blending component to my Cabernet Sauvignon based Bordeaux blends. A unique grape not about being big and bold. On the vine, the berries and clusters are a bit larger than other red varieties. The flavors in the grapes are more rounded, more subtle, and have an exotic red fruit spice that carries to the finished wine. When Malbec is grown in the right location and made correctly, it adds an enticing attribute to red wine blends.

This will be my 2nd vintage of Trujillo Malbec. I again found myself captivated by its expressive characters of this barrel aged wine. The aromatics come forth spicy and invigorating with dusty cherry, plum, and sweet herb. At first sip, the wine comes through vibrant and juicy, but with an interjecting minerality that makes it so unique. The bright acidity holds up high the firm crisp dark fruit flavors. This Malbec embodies charismatic grace all on its own.

The 2021 Trujillo Malbec is a bit bolder with a denser richness and depth than the 2018 Malbec. It is quite approachable now with some decanting, but additional time in the bottle time will only add to its complexity and individuality. A spirited, exciting wine that can easily be enjoyed on its own anytime that favorably pairs with many foods that warrant a more delicate red wine. Enjoy!

-Michael Trujillo, Winemaker

Origin
100% Napa Valley

Cases Produced
62

Blend Composition
91% Malbec
4% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Merlot
2% Petit Verdot

Maturation
Aged 20 months
100% French Oak

Bottled
May 17, 2023

Technical Notes
pH – 3.61
TA – 5.8 g/L
RS – 0.3 g/L
Alc. – 14.8% by volume

