

2022 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 varietals. 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 2022 Trujillo Malbec expresses my style of winemaking to emphasize the unique characteristics of the Malbec varietal in the finished wine. The aromatics come forth spicy and invigorating with dusty cherry, plum, savory sweet herb, along with notes of sweet tobacco and a very slight hint of warm leather. At first sip, the wine comes across vibrant and juicy, but with an interjecting minerality that gives the wine flight around its full rich structure. The bright acidity lends to the balanced structure carrying the lavish fruits flavors perfectly. Well integrated with fine textured tannin lace and carry the wine to a long lingering, plush finish.

This Malbec embodies charismatic grace all on its own. Enjoy!

-Michael Trujillo, Winemaker

Origin 100% Napa Valley

Cases Produced 70 Blend Composition 91% Malbec 5% Cab franc 3% Petit Verdot 2% Cabernet Sauvignon Maturation Aged 20 months 100% French Oak

Bottled May 22, 2024 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Technical Notes} \\ pH-3.58 \end{array}$

TA – 5.8 g/L RS – 0.3 g/L

Alc. – 14.6% by volume

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