# **2021 Malbec**Estate Grown | Lodi, California





#### **Awards**

95 Points, Double Gold - 2024 American Fine Wine Competition 93 Points, Gold - 2023 West Coast Wine Competition 90 Points, Gold - 2023 OC Fair Commercial Wine Competition Best of Class, Double Gold - 2023 North of the Gate Wine Competition

# **Tasting Notes**

With a deep purple color, this Malbec presents aromas of plum, blueberry, blackberry and violet. It is dry and full bodied, rich in flavors and with a long and bright finish.

## **Vineyard Notes**

Estate Vineyard to the west of our tasting room and production facility. Bilateral cordon trained into vertical shoot position also known as "VSP". Clone 4 (Bordeaux) on 5BB rootstock. Planted in 2014, the vines are young and full of energy. Pruning and shoot thinning were done to keep cluster counts in balance, leaves were pulled on the north side of the vine as the rows oriented east to west. 2017 was the first vintage we harvested fruit from this vineyard.

### **Winemaker Notes**

Grapes were hand-picked (at 26.1 Brix average) in the morning on September 13th, 2021 and gently sorted and transferred to a temperature controlled stainless steel tank for cold soak. Fermentation was managed with regular punch downs or pump overs. Aged in oak barrels (approximately 24% new French & American oak).

Vintage: 2021 Varietal: Malbec

Appellation: Lodi (Mokelumne River)

Harvest Dates: 9/13/2021 Fermentation: Inoculated

**Aging:** French & American Oak Barrels (24% new)

**TA:** 6.0 g/L pH: 3.82 **Alcohol:** 14.5%

Residual Sugar: 0.02%

Bottling Date: 6/14/2022 Cases Produced: 400

