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2008

Estate Malbec

Dry Creek Valley

Technical Data

Harvest Date: Sept 2008

Bottled: March 2009

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley

Alcohol: 13.9%

Case Production: 140



Vineyards

This small 1 acre vineyard is located on the winery property in a unique small valley between the Dry Creek and Alexander Valley's.

Winemaking

The fruit was de-stemmed only so that whole berries were transferred to open top fermenters, this helps to capture bright fruit aromas and flavors. After a 5 day cold soak the tanks are warmed and inoculated with yeast. The tanks were punched down 2-3 times daily over 10 days increasing skin contact. The wine is then drain of the skins and aged in 40% new French oak for 15 months

Tasting Notes

Rich in color this Malbec expresses aromas of Bing cherries, plums and cola with subtle floral notes. Bright red fruit wrapped in chocolate, finishing with elegant silky tannins.

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