



# TRUJILLO

## 2018 TRUJILLO MALBEC

### *Vintage Notes*

**I**n 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, marked with an arc of complex aromas and velvety finish that goes on and on.

To be honest, Malbec has never really been more than a blending component for me. A unique grape in the sense that it's not about being big and bold. On the vine, the clusters and berries are larger than other red varieties. Flavors in the grape are more subtle. However, when grown and made correctly, it adds an exotic and enticing attribute to red wine blends.

I am stepping out of the box with the 2018 Trujillo Malbec. As this was aging in the barrel, I found myself captivated by its unique aromas. Moreso, it expresses subtle, focused texture and flavors. A medium, soft bodied red wine that could be enjoyed when your mood isn't for big and bold. The aromatics come forth spicy and invigorating with dusty cherry, plum, savory sweet herb, and a note of minerality. At first sip, the wine comes through vibrant and juicy. Bright acidity holds up high the firm crisp red fruit flavors. This medium bodied Malbec embodies charismatic grace.

The 2018 Trujillo Malbec is approachable now and additional time in the bottle time will only add to its complexity and individuality. A cheerful, interesting 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*

<i>Origin</i> 100% Napa Valley	<i>Blend Composition</i> 100% Malbec	<i>Maturation</i> Aged 20 months 100% French Oak	<i>Technical Notes</i> pH – 3.61 TA – 6.5 g/L RS – 0.6 g/L Alc. – 14.4% by volume
		<i>Cases Produced</i> 24 cases (One barrel)	<i>Bottled</i> May 28, 2020

