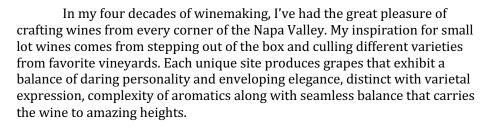


## 2021 TRUJILLO MALBEC

## Vintage Notes



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 will be my 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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91% Malbec 4% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Merlot Cases Produced 2% Petit Verdot

Blend Composition

Maturation Aged 20 months 100% French Oak Technical Notes pH - 3.61TA - 5.8 g/L

Bottled May 17, 2023

RS - 0.3 g/LAlc. - 14.8% by volume

