



**ROAD 13**

# Syrah Malbec 2016

## VITICULTURE:

The 2016 growing season was long, dry and warm, with most vineyards maturing their fruit very early and with perfect ripeness. During harvest the grapes were sampled bi-weekly to measure flavour and tannin development. Each variety and parcel of fruit was picked at its optimal point of flavour development for the intended Syrah Malbec style: rich, ripe and complex. The grapes for the 2016 Syrah Malbec primarily came from the Blind Creek Vineyard in the Similkameen valley, but a smaller, important fraction of Syrah grapes also came from one of our vineyards in the Okanagan Valley.

## WINEMAKING:

During vintage, the grapes for the 2016 Syrah Malbec were all carefully sorted, and destemmed without crushing into small open top vessels for true small lot fermentations. That caps were punched down by hand twice daily for about 8-10 days and the wine was then pressed off in our wooden basket press to commence the maturation process in French Oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTES:

Very dark in colour with purplish tones, this wine opens with aromas of blueberry pie, black cherry, boysenberry and vanilla. There are notes of black pepper, violets, iodine and graphite. On the palate, this wine is a veritable symphony of black fruited splendor, interwoven with notes of vanilla and cream. These intense flavours are supported by a luscious, expansive mouthfeel, rich, soft tannins, and impeccable balance. The overall impression is of a seductive, silky, and utterly hedonistic wine that captivates your full attention and never lets it go. If you must pair it with food, we recommend grilled red meats, duck, pork, and game (preferably wrapped with bacon).

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PRODUCTION: 298 cases

## THE BLEND:

47.5% Syrah 39% Malbec 11.5% Petit Verdot 2% Viognier

## WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 25 pH: 3.79 TA: 5.8 g/L

Alcohol: 14.5% RS: 2.8 g/L

BOTTLED: May 29, 2018

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