



CHALK HILL

2021 MALBEC

Our 2021 Malbec came from two blocks at our 56-acre Estate West vineyard located on a contiguous piece of property just across Chalk Hill road from the winery. These west-facing sites feature clay, rock, and loam soils that are perfect for Malbec.

The 2021 vintage had ideal conditions with nice, even weather patterns. This allowed for longer hang-time and grape maturity, resulting in excellent flavor development. Yields were smaller, with a higher concentration of darker fruit flavors. This wine is big, bold, and dense, packing abundant savory characters into the bouquet and palate. The first swirl of the glass reveals barrel spice, cigar box, leather, black cherry, and black raspberry. Rich layers of dark chocolate, mocha, and black tea coupled with soft acidity meld seamlessly, lingering long beyond the last sip.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: OCTOBER 7, 2021
Average Yields: 2.73 TONS/ACRE
Average Brix at Harvest: 26.0°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BI-WEEKLY BÂTONNAGE
Cooperage: FRENCH OAK, 75% NEW
Barrel Aging: 18 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 100% MALBEC
Cases bottled: 426
pH: 3.62 *TA:* 6.18 G/L *Alcohol:* 15.5%