



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2017 Malbec

**Production:** 170 cases

**Composition:** 100% Malbec

**Vineyards:** Baker, Beau Terroir, Windy Flats and Villagio

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** Valley floor - 1500 ft

**Cooperage:** 100% new oak, mostly Treuil Terroir, Orion, and Tonnelerie O Flash Elevage

**Alcohol:** 15.4%, TA 0.61, pH 3.74

**Bottling date:** April 18, 2019

**Release date:** Fall 2020

**Release price:** \$60.00

Malbec has become a cult favorite, and we have made some wonderful varietal Malbec's that normally go into our Cabernet Sauvignon, but we wanted to let our club members share some of the excitement. We again made two Malbec lots in 2017, one from earlier ripening fruit, and one from our cooler southern areas. Both ripened fully and deeply, so that we can make Malbec with dark fruity charm and big color. We only made a small quantity for the adventurous, and we hope it catches on, because it is so much fun to drink.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The 2017 Malbec has aromas of chocolate, blueberry and savory vanilla. The palate is perky, with blueberry flavors followed by more jammy flavors and bittersweet chocolate in the middle finishing with flavors of Nutella hazelnut.