



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2018 Malbec

**Production :** 146 cases

**Composition :** 90% Malbec and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyards:** Baker, Beau Terre and Villagio

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Elevation:** Valley floor - 1500 ft

**Cooperage:** 30% new oak, mostly Treuil Terroir, Orion, and Tonnelerie O Flash Elevage

**Alcohol:** 15.7%, TA 0.55, pH 3.84

**Bottling date:** April 16, 2020

**Release date:** Fall 2021

**Release price:** \$65.00

Malbec has become a cult favorite, and we have made some wonderful varietal Malbecs that normally go into our Cabernet Sauvignon, but we wanted to let our club members share some of the excitement. We made 4 Malbec lots in 2018, and we found that the Baker lot blended beautifully with the Villagio lot. We added some Cabernet Sauvignon for dignity, and watched it grow for a year before it was bottled. 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 2018 Malbec has aromas of chocolate, blueberry, and hazelnut. The palate is filled with wonderful blueberry and boysenberry flavors with a broad midpalate and uplifting on the finish. This wine still has a few finely textured tannins to remind one of its mountain origins.