



HILL FAMILY
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2021 Malbec

Production: 196 cases

Composition: 86% Malbec, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Merlot.

Vineyards: Baker, Windy Flats, Villagio and Beau Terroir

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevation: Valley floor - 1500 ft

Cooperage: 16 months in 25% new oak (Tonnelerie O Elegance)

Alcohol: 15%, TA 0.63, pH 3.64

Bottling date: March 20, 2023

Release date: February 2024

Release price: \$68.00

Malbec has become a quiet cult favorite, and we have made some wonderful standalone 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 2021, and we found that the structure of Baker blended beautifully with the ripe concentration of Windy Flats, the fruitiness of Villagio and the vigor of the Beau Terroir. Malbec has become increasingly successful in some parts of the world, and it is a cult favorite here in Napa.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2021 Malbec has a youthful nose that opens with aromas of ripe blueberry, black cherry, violets, mocha, and vanilla. The palate is still young with some stand-up tannins nicely placed in the center. The wine is intense and focused, showing the influence of the small crops and another drought year in Napa.