



HILL FAMILY  
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## 2015 Malbec

**Production:** 170 cases

**Composition:** 98% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot & 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Vineyards:** Baker Vineyard, Beau Terroir, Polson Road, Windy Flats & Apallas

**Elevation:** Valley floor - 1,500 ft.

**Cooperage:** 30% new oak, mostly Trust Hungarian and Tonnellerie O Flash Elevage (70% neutral French oak)

**Alcohol:** 14.8%, TA 0.6, pH 3.72

**Bottling date:** March 8, 2017

**Release date:** Fall 2017

**Release price:** \$58.00

Malbec has become a quiet cult favorite, and we have made some wonderful varietal Malbecs that normally go into our Cabernet Sauvignon, but we wanted to let our members share some of the excitement. We made two Malbec lots in 2015, one from our mountain fruit, and one from our lower elevations so that we could control the tannins. Malbec has a deep fruity charm and big color that has it becoming increasingly successful in some parts of the world.

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

The aromas are filled with roasted plum and jammy blueberry, followed by sweet smoky, and spicy oak. The palate is broad and generous with dark, friendly plum, cherry, and boysenberry fruit.