

# 2012 Malbec Sonoma Valley



***A bowl of ripe blackberries  
on a summer afternoon***

**83% Malbec, 11% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon**

**This is our first bottling of Malbec**, a grape with its roots in Bordeaux, France, where it has been used as a blending grape for centuries. We've used Malbec as a blender in our Meritage and Cabernet blends for 20 years. Our Winemaker, Cecilia Valdivia, is from Mendoza, Argentina, known for Malbec. Cecilia, now in her seventh vintage at Deerfield, urged Robert to add Malbec to our stable, so this first bottling is dedicated to her.

**The flavor focus** of each grape varietal is in a specific region of your palate. Robert demonstrates where these are in drawings on a video available on our website and YouTube. Malbec's flavor is focused on the lower back of your palate, where you experience the flavor of ripe blackberries. It's no wonder Malbec tastes strongly of blackberries. Cabernet Franc focuses on your upper plate, driving flavor into your nasal cavity like dark chocolate, adding a chocolate nuance to the blend. This blackberry and dark chocolate combination is given a long finish and central structure from the Cabernet Sauvignon.

We picked the best tasting 14 barrels of Malbec from 75 produced from four different Malbec vineyards that grow for us and constructed the blend by taste. Our 2012 Malbec is uniquely Deerfield. It is rich, focused, layered, complex and delicious.

**Using clean winemaking techniques** perfected at Deerfield, our wines are low in histamines and sulfites. People who may get headaches or allergic reactions to wine can usually drink Deerfield. Our motto is: *Clean wine™, Clear head.* These techniques also allow the flavors to express themselves with clarity and focus, without being masked by impurities. Learn more at: [www.cleanwine.info](http://www.cleanwine.info)

**The 2012 Vintage was exceptional.** After two challenging vintages, 2010 and 2011, we were elated with the quality of the fruit from 2012. The stars aligned, the angels sang and everything was right with the world. We made many great wines in 2012 and this Malbec is one of them.

Barrel aged 24 months in 60% American and 40% French oak, 35% new  
Unfined, Velcorin free, Vegan, Sustainably grown

Alcohol 14.5%, Residual Sugar 0.2g/L.

SO2 at release 12 ppm, low histamines

Bottled 375 cases, December 2014, released March 2015

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