



2018 Malbec (Estate Grown)

Lodi, California

## **Awards**

96 Points - Double Gold at the 2019 San Francisco International Wine Competition

95 Points - Platinum at the 2020 Winemaker's Challenge International Wine Competition

93 Points - Wine Enthusiast

93 Points - Gold at the Beverage Tasting Institute

93 Points - Gold from the 2020 Las Vegas Global Wine Awards

92 Points - Gold at the 2020 San Diego International Wine & Spirits Challenge

## **Tasting Notes**

This deep ruby colored Malbec is overflowing with aromas of sweet plums and raspberry tart. It has a smooth floral mouthfeel and a lively finish.

## **Vineyard Notes**

Estate Vineyard to the west of our tasting room and production facility. Bilateral cordon trained into vertical shoot position (VSP). Clone 3 on 5BB rootstock. Planted in 2014, the vines are young and full of energy. Pruning and shoot thinning were done to keep cluster counts in balance, leaves were pulled on the north side of the vine as the rows oriented east to west. 2017 was the first vintage we harvested fruit from this vineyard.

## Winemaker Notes

Grapes were hand-picked (at 25.5 Brix average) in the morning on October 1st, 2018 and gently sorted and transferred to a temperature controlled stainless steel tank for cold soak. Fermentation was managed with regular punch downs or pump overs. Aged in oak barrels (approximately 23% new French & American oak). There is also a very small amount of Petite Sirah as well (just around 2%).

Vintage: 2018 Varietal: Malbec

**Appellation:** Lodi (Mokelumne River)

**TA:** 4.9 g/L **pH:** 3.62

Aging: Oak Barrels (23% new French &

American oak)

Fermentation: Inoculated Bottling Date: 7/25/19 Alcohol %: 14.5 Residual Sugar %: 0.39

**Cases:** 469



oakfarmvineyards.com 23627 N. DeVries Rd, Lodi, CA 95242