

# BLUE ROCK

## 2020 Best Barrels Malbec

Blue Rock Vineyard Estate, Alexander Valley



### Vineyard

Our 2020 Best Barrels Malbec is comprised of 89% Malbec, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot, all from select blocks at our Blue Rock Estate Vineyard in Alexander Valley.

Atop the Blue Rock Vineyard sit three distinct blocks of Malbec. The oldest Malbec block on the estate, four steep, terraced rows comprising the ridge of our Southernmost block, and the ten rows sitting below the aforementioned steep terrace.

### Winemaker's Notes

Rich and darker in color than you might expect from Malbec, a beautiful perfume of black cherry and pomegranate, creamy milk chocolate and a hint of meaty rusticity that Malbec lovers so appreciate are complemented by notes of roasted coffee and sweet pipe tobacco. The wine tastes exactly like it smells, with flavors to match all those aromas perfectly. Silky smooth, with wonderful balance and mouthfeel. While a recognized companion to the other Bordeaux varietals, Malbec tells a story all its own and this is a wonderful rendition to savor when you need something special. We have been enamored of this wine since fermentation began and could not be happier with the final blend. If only we had more of it!

### Food Affinities

Smoky and spice-rubbed red meats are natural match with Malbec. Grilled lamb chops or a nice sirloin come to mind. Vegetarian options include blue cheese souffle and farro-stuffed roasted red pepper with olive oil.

### Ageability

You can readily enjoy this right now with about an hour of decanting and count on it to age well for another decade or longer in your cell.

### Technical Data

89% Malbec  
- 09% Cabernet Sauvignon, 02% Petit Verdot  
22 months in French oak, 45% new oak  
14.6% Alc.  
Cases Produced: 75  
Bottled: January 2023  
Released: May 2024