



CINNABAR  
WINERY

## 2021 MALBEC Red Hills Lake County

### Vineyards

Beckstoffer Vineyards, Red Hills of Lake County

### Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Malbec  
Alcohol: 14.9% pH: 3.60  
Acidity: 0.70g/100ml  
Production: 115 cases  
Release Date: Nov 10, 2023



**Vintner** Ron Mosley

**Winemaker** Alejandro Aldama

**Tasting Notes** Notes of coffee, cedar, and tobacco. The amount of obsidian and minerality in the soils make this wine very earthy, showing all of the terroir of the Red Hills AVA of Lake County. Pairs well with roasted lamb, flank steak tacos, and mushroom stuffed peppers.

**The Magic** The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters, then racked into French Oak barrels for maturation. 16 months French Oak barrels, 40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% neutral.

**The Grape** Malbec, one of the six varietals allowed in red Bordeaux wines, is dark in color with robust tannins. Found mainly in Southern France and Argentina, Malbec makes for wines that are inky in color and express plump, juicy fruit aromas, dark fruit flavors and a smooth chocolaty finish.

**The Land** The Red Hills Lake County AVA is an American Viticultural Area located in Lake County, California. The wine region lies along the southwestern shores of Clear Lake. Volcanic soils originate from neighboring Mount Konocti, producing well-drained vineyards rich in black obsidian, quartz crystals and volcanic gravel content, and are strikingly red in color. With the elevations near 2,500', the air in summer is warm with very low humidity and the evenings can be very cool. The Red Hills AVA produces a very distinct, full bodied and rich wine which truly reflects its terroir.

**The Season** The 2021 season began with sunny skies and a warm spring. But with the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. But the silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity. Overall, an excellent vintage!