



CINNABAR

WINERY

Malbec **20**

Red Hills of Lake County **16**

The Taste

Blueberry, Sage, Graphite

The Science



Alcohol
14.6%

pH
3.72

Acidity
0.66g/100ml

Varietal Content
100% Malbec

Vineyards
Amber Knolls
Vineyard

Stats

128 cases produced
Harvested Sept. 25, 2016
Released Nov. 1, 2018
Age 5–7 years

The Magic



- 2–3 days cold soak
- Fermented 10–12 days in plastic open-top bins (5% whole cluster)
- Punched down 2–3 times per day to ensure complete fermentation; fermented warm to 85°
- Aged 20 months in French oak (50% new)

The Alchemists

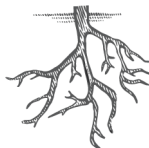
George Troquato, *Winemaker* & Alejandro Aldama, *Cellar Master*

The Grape



Malbec, a grape dark in color with robust tannins, also is one of the six grapes allowed in red Bordeaux wines. Found mainly in Southern France and Argentina, Malbec makes for wines that are inky in color and express plump, juicy fruit aromas and flavors.

The Land



This Malbec comes from Amber Knolls Vineyard, which is 2,000 feet in elevation. The volcanic soils here were laid down by Mount Konocti and are very porous with abundant obsidian stones that allow for ample drainage. Wines on volcanic soils take on savory, umami, graphite-like character as they develop over time.

The Season

2016 saw more rainfall than in the previous five years, bringing some relief to an ongoing drought. Temperatures on average were warm, producing grapes that were fully ripe with above-average crop size.