



2015 PATTERSON CELLARS MALBEC



TECHNICAL DATA

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 100% Malbec

VINEYARD SOURCES: Seven Hills, Stillwater Creek, Scootenev flats

CELLAR TREATMENT: 100% French oak, aged 19 months

PRODUCTION: 250 cases

ALCOHOL: 14.7% by volume

TASTING NOTES

Washington Malbec lovers rejoice – this one's for you! This inky purple, 100% Malbec opens with aromas of blackberry, blueberry pie and light notes of soft and supple leather. Earthy tannins provide structure underneath the bold flavors of juicy boysenberries and blueberries, which eventually give way to a finish of lingering fruits, dusty tannins and hints of dark coffee.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Malbec grapes from Seven Hills Vineyard arrived at the winery on September 30. Fermentation took place in two 1.5 ton open top stainless steel fermenters. After 11 days of primary fermentation the wine was pressed and after settling in tank was transferred to French oak barrels, 40% new medium toast. This Seven Hills Malbec makes up roughly 70% of the 2015 Patterson Cellars Malbec. About 20% of the blend is Malbec from Scootenev Flats on Red Mountain. This fruit also arrived at the winery on September 30. Primary fermentation was also performed in stainless steel open top fermenters, and lasted 7 days. The Scootenev Flats Malbec adds a bit more dark fruit, structure and power to the traditionally softer fruit from Seven Hills. The final 10% of the blend is Malbec from Stillwater Creek. This wine made the blend primarily for the lovely oak notes that we encountered in this particular single barrel. The 2015 vintage was racked twice before blending, and the Malbec was bottled after 19 months in oak in June of 2017.



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