



2016 MALBEC

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

DavenLore
winery

WINEMAKER NOTES

Placing your nose to this glass of Horse Heaven Hills Malbec and the first sensation you get is the spicy sweetness licorice and butter scotch with a savory element that's very typical of Malbec: game and bacon. On the first sip I get red roses, blackberry and black raspberry. Then the finish moves a bit to the dairy side to hot buttered biscuits and cream. This wine is a lovely example of Malbec from the hot Horse Heaven Hills. Malbec really shows how diverse each growing site can be from fruity to deeply bold with soft tannins. This wine is firmly in the bold camp but with very approachable tannins that have no hint of bitterness.

Gordon Taylor, Winemaker

VINEYARD

LOCATION: DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARDS,
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

PLANTED: 2007 **SOIL:** Warden fine sandy loam

LOCATION: ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD,
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

PLANTED: 1998 **SOIL:** Warden Fine Sandy Loam

WINEMAKING

MALBEC - DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

HARVESTED: OCTOBER 3, 2016

BRIX: 25.2 **Max Temp:** 87 **YEAST:** ICV OKAY

FERMENTATION: 7 DAYS **PRESSED:** OCTOBER 10, 2016

PETIT VERDOT - DOUBLE CANYON VINEYARD

HARVESTED: OCTOBER 11, 2016

BRIX: 27 **Max Temp:** 81 **YEAST:** ICV OKAY

FERMENTATION: 7 Days **PRESSED:** OCTOBER 18, 2016

DURIF - ALDER RIDGE VINEYARD

HARVESTED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

BRIX: 25 **Max Temp:** 83 **YEAST:** NT-116

FERMENTATION: 6 Days **PRESSED:** SEPT 19, 2016

MALBEC

Horse Heaven Hills

Wine Lore: Maybe it is the difference between the continents. Maybe it is the difference in the culture. Or maybe it is just the desire to try something different because we can. In France, Malbec is historically used as a blender, with a little bit added here and there to enhance the flavors of other grapes. In the Americas, we boldly go out on the cordon for a new world Malbec.



TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

FINAL PH: 3.7

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0

BLEND: 81% MALBEC

11 % PETIT VERDOT

8% DURIF

BOTTLED: MAY 17, 2001

CASES PRODUCED: 123

FOOD PAIRINGS

Lobster, Avocado and Grapefruit Salad

Smoked Salmon Toast Points

Pasta Puttanesca

Lamb Burger

Lemon Crème Brûlée