2019

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RED WINE
CACHE CREEK VINEYARDS
LAKE COUNTY



WINEMAKER NOTES

This complex and hearty blend of Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc reflects the depth of flavors of grapes grown in our vineyards.

Malbec, a very popular wine grown very successfully in Argentina and the Bordeaux region in France, is loved for its big soft tannins that provide a soft and round texture. Petit Verdot adds some "grip" and an intense ruby color, while the Cabernet France adds depth. The combination of these three Bordeaux varietals creates a richly textured and full-flavored wine.

COMPOSITION 66% Malbec, 24% Petit Verdot,

10% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD Cache Creek Vineyards

APPELLATION Lake County

ALCOHOL 14% TA 6.1 g/L ph 3.50

COOPERAGE French and American oak barrels

BARREL AGING 22 months
PRODUCTION 128 cases

TASTING NOTES

Enticing aromatics of mocha and vanillin oak fuse with ripe brambly blackberry and dusty dark cherry to compel the first sip. And then you're hooked. The palate is bathed with integrated oak, polished tannins and an opulent blend of luscious flavors. The velvety mouthfeel reveals the essence of blackberry preserves and cherry pie à la mode laced with hints of kid glove leather, fine herbs and caramel. A trace of brightness appears in the expansive finish to lighten the delicious dark flavors and urge you to sip again.

This blend is wonderful to sip solo, but will also seamlessly pair with grilled ribeye basted with butter and Worcestershire sauce, or an herbencrusted rack of lamb.