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Majestic Elk

CACHE CREEK VINEYARDS : LAKE COUNTY



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## WINEMAKER NOTES

This unique blend consists of grape varieties renowned for their contributions to the classic Chateau red blends of Bordeaux. Each varietal adds to the wine's complexity and depth: Cabernet Sauvignon adds rich earthy flavors and broad structure, Cabernet Franc length in the finish, Malbec plush fruit flavors, and Petit Verdot intense dark color and chewy tannins.

Grown in Cache Creek Vineyards, each varietal also exhibits the unique aspects exemplary of this region.

COMPOSITION 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc,

20% Petit Verdot, 10% Malbec

VINEYARD Cache Creek Vineyards

APPELLATION Lake County

ALCOHOL 14% TA  $6.2~\mathrm{g/L}$  ph 3.57

COOPERAGE 100% new French oak barrels

BARREL AGING 15 months
PRODUCTION 140 cases

## **TASTING NOTES**

The nose offers layers of tempting aromas of rich cassis and brambly blackberry woven with hints of spicy cedar, tobacco and toasty oak. From the first sip, the palate is filled with mouthwatering yet plush flavors — Bing cherry, boysenberry, black raspberry, red currant and dark plum — laced with a lovely minerally saline essence. Traces of leather and loamy earth add interest while integrated mocha-tinged oak and bright acidity lend balance and depth. As the flavors fuse and linger, you start to long for the next sip.

Enjoy this gorgeous wine with herb-crusted pork tenderloin with red currant sauce, or braised short ribs in a Cabernet reduction sauce served over garlic-infused mashed potatoes.