



## SHADYBROOK — ESTATE —

### 2013 SHADYBROOK ESTATE MALBEC

86% Malbec 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cab Franc

Three barrels (70 cases) produced

Alcohol by volume 14.1%

“With a rich, purple-garnet hue this Malbec is lush and romantic from start to finish. The aromas of fresh berry, plum, and blueberry are complimented with hints of spicy cedar, savory herbs and rose petals. A delicate wine possessing notes of darker berries, a fall spice and flaky pie crust. It moves through your palate with fresh acidity and supple, velvety tannins, leading to a long, lingering graceful finish.”

*Rudy Zuidema, Winemaker*

We have just one small block of Malbec growing on the Shadybrook Estate property. It is only one third of an acre and produces between 1-1.5 tons annually. This rare wine is a favorite amongst our fans and is only offered as a limited quantity.

Our unknown clone of Malbec produces small clusters with small grape berries giving us concentrated flavors and color that is extremely dark as the thin skins give up their pigment quickly. The seeds are quite large and can be soaked for an extended period to extract rich tannins that show this wine is a true Bordeaux style wine worth collecting.

We believe in preserving the fresh and delicate characteristics of the Malbec grape so conservative temperatures and extractions methods are used. Only 45% new French oak is used for ageing so the natural personality of the wine remains the focus. Malbec is most often used as a blending grape and is rarely bottled by itself. Ours has some Cab and Cab Franc to enhance the aromatics and extend the length of the finish. The end result of all these winemaking decisions is a very unusual wine that is balanced and complex. It will likely engage new taste buds with its intrigue and will certainly impress you with its subtle but powerful Bordeaux traits.