



## SHADYBROOK — ESTATE —

### **2014 SHADYBROOK ESTATE MALBEC**

89% Malbec | 9% Cabernet Sauvignon | 2% Cabernet Franc  
Five barrels (118 cases) produced  
Alcohol by volume 14.8%

"The 2014 Malbec is our best yet. Royal ruby in color, aromas of roasted and caramelized fruits, rhubarb and violets are paired with subtle notes of strawberry and star anise. Soft and luscious on the palate, it provides notes of mixed berries, lavender, cherry pie and Asian spice leaving you with a long, clean, lingering 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 specific 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. The 2014 vintage is comprised of some Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet 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.