



## SHADYBROOK — ESTATE —

### **2015 Shadybrook Estate Malbec**

84% Malbec | 10% Cabernet Sauvignon | 6% Cabernet Franc

5 barrels ( 124 cases )

26 months in French oak barrels: 55% New oak , 45% used oak barrels

"The 2015 Malbec is a beautiful deep garnet purple with aromas of blueberry and black tea on the nose. This wine encompasses the pallet with its soft juicy fruit driven unique flavors of huckleberry, rose petals, pencil lead shavings and white chocolate on the back end. Soft lush tannins with a juicy finish, completes this well balanced round wine that stands on its own pedestal.

*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 55% 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 2015 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.