

VENGE ARSENAL MALBEC

Napa Valley

VARIETY: 100% Malbec

Sourcing: Stagecoach Vineyard (East Mountains), Haymaker Vineyard (Howell Mountain), Cavey Estate Vineyard (Diamond Mountain)

A winegrower is only as good as one's battery of instruments to build perfection in the glass. From the vineyard to the bottle, our Arsenal Malbec honors our limitless approach to hitting our intended target.

Named after Sieur Malbek, who planted the grape in the Medoc in the 1700s, the Malbec grape variety is over 2,000 years old and originated in Cahors, France in the 1500s. Malbec was once one of the most widely planted grapes in France. Even today, Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) regulations for Cahors wines require a minimum content of 70% Malbec. It's also one of the six grapes used to create red Bordeaux blends, alongside Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Carmenère. We are particularly fond of Malbec grown in the mountainous areas of Napa Valley, where cooler micro-climates and volcanic soils drive smaller berries and resulting concentrated depth in the wine.

WINEMAKER'S RECORD

A deep, purple hue suggests a wine of opulence and concentration drawing you into aromas of blackberries and ripe dark plums with delicate hints of violets and exotic spices. Dig a little deeper and you find nuances of dark chocolate, espresso, and fresh toasted oak. On the palate, luscious dark fruits fill the mouth with black cherries and blackberries offset by velvety tannins, and refined structure that carries the fruit to a long, satisfying finish. This wine is absolutely delicious!

PRODUCTION Essentials

Method | 4-Stage *Pellenc* Destemmed, 100% Gravity Flow To Stainless Steel and Open Top Fermenters, Slow Cellar Temp Fermentations On Skins, 100% Native Primary and Secondary Fermentation, 100% Free Run Juice, Gentle Barrel To Tank Racking.

Production | 305 Cases