



HILL FAMILY  
E S T A T E



## 2012 Malbec

**Production:** 253 cases

**Composition:** 80% Malbec, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot & 1% Merlot

**Vineyards:** Baker, Windy Flats, Beau Terroir & Apallas

**Appellations:** Atlas Peak & Carneros

**Elevation:** 300 ft. – 1500 ft.

**Cooperage:** 60% new French oak (20% Bossuet, 20% Orion, 20% Stavin), and 40% neutral French oak

**Alcohol:** 14.9%, TA 0.53, pH 3.79

**Bottling date:** 12/10/2013

**Release date:** Fall 2014

**Release price:** \$58.00

Our goal was to blend a Malbec, and let our loyal club members share some of the excitement we have making Hill Family Estate wines. We had 4 different Malbecs in 2012, each with different personalities and strengths. We couldn't bottle all of them separately, but we found they taste better as a blend. Malbec has a deep fruity charm that's becoming a cult success in some parts of the world. We only made a small quantity for the curious, but we hope it catches on in a big way, because it's so much fun to drink.

### **Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:**

The nose is beautiful, with violets and blueberries, and a little backup from the vanilla caramel oak. The palate is soft, full and jammy with boysenberry and blueberry flavors. Wow – everybody should buy a case of this wine!