



HILL FAMILY
E S T A T E



2014 Malbec

Production: 263 cases

Composition: 98% Malbec, 1% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: Smith, Baker, Windy Flats & Apallas

Appellation: Napa Valley

Elevation: 1,500 ft. foothills and valley floor

Cooperage: 30% new oak, mostly Trust Hungarian and Tonnellerie O Flash Elevage French (70% neutral French oak)

Alcohol: 15.2%, TA 0.6, pH 3.72

Bottling date: 3/16/2016

Release date: Fall 2016

Release price: \$58.00

Malbec has become a quiet cult favorite, and we have made some wonderful ones that normally go into our Cabernet Sauvignon, but we wanted to let our mailing list members share some of the excitement. We made two Malbec lots in 2014; one from our mountain fruit, and one from our lower elevations so that we could control the tannins. Malbec has a deep fruity charm, and big color that has it becoming a cult success in some parts of the world. We only made a small quantity for the adventurous, and we hope it catches on.