



# McKenzie-Mueller

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

## 2018 Malbec

**Vineyard:** Robert Mueller Vineyard; Los Carneros

**Appellation:** Los Carneros, Napa Valley

**Winemaker:** Robert A. Mueller

**Harvest Date:** Hand harvested on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**Bottling Date:** August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Production:** 373 Cases

**Blend:** 100% Malbec

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Filtration:** None

**Cooperage:** 100% French Oak; new, used and neutral



***100% Estate Grown, Produced, and Bottled***

### **Notes from Harvest:**

February saw abundant rains. Bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer was virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild temperatures followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Our 2018 Malbec shows aromas of violets, juicy dark fruit: plum and blackberry with undercurrents of black pepper, and damp earth. It's medium-full bodied with firm, yet polished, tannins and bright acidity making it very versatile for food pairings or to enjoy on its own.

### **Suggested Food Pairings:**

BBQ Ribs ~ Al Pastor Tacos ~ Grilled Cheeseburger