



## Premium Malbec 2018

Malbec found its way into the Ash Ridge Range in 2013 as an experiment. The quality of the wine has meant our reputation for Malbec has grown rapidly so that those in the know eagerly await the release of the next vintage. Small quantities of this superb wine require you to get in quick to secure your share!

### **Fruit:**

100% Single estate grown, Bridge Pa Triangle, Hawkes Bay.  
100% Malbec

### **Winemaking:**

This single vineyard Malbec was a mixture of whole berry fermented for maximum flavour and colour extraction, and gently macerated fruit to add tannin and body. It was gently pumped over twice daily during fermentation. The wine was bottled after 10 months in 15% new American oak and 15% new French oak, the balance in older French oak, to allow optimum maturation.

**Sensory Evaluation;** Colour: Deep dark and dense.

**Aroma:** Bold with layers of blackberries, cherries, and a hint of chocolate.

**Palate:** Mouth filling tannin structure with dark and juicy fruit flavour and a hint of spice.

### **Food Matches:**

We think the best match for this is a block of dark chocolate and a warm fireplace. Soft enough to skip the chocolate.



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