



# MIDNIGHT

C E L L A R S

2017

## MALBEC "SOLSTICE"

PASO ROBLES  
CALIFORNIA

### TASTING NOTES

Beautifully dark purple color with a giant fruity nose. Aromas of blackberry and ripe plum are accented by a minerally earthiness. The mouth-feel is plush and flavors of ripe fresh fruit including black cherry and plum mingle with freshly turned soil and vanilla. The finish is long and framed with well balanced tannins and acidity.

<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Rich Hartenberger
<b>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</b>	100% Malbec
<b>COOPERAGE</b>	18% new French oak, 82% neutral
<b>BARREL AGING</b>	28 months
<b>pH / TA</b>	3.67 / 0.65
<b>RESIDUAL SUGAR</b>	0.07
<b>ABV</b>	14.9%
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	240 cases



The 2017 vintage saw our drought end with a bang. The wet soils delayed budbreak to a normal time frame and produced such a healthy vineyard that we saw canopy sizes and cane lengths we hadn't seen in years. The summer began relatively cool but was punctuated by two heat spikes that accelerated ripening and produced intense flavors. The resulting vintage shows the health of the vines with a combination of concentration and freshness, with bright acids framing powerful fruit.

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