



MIDNIGHT
CELLARS

2021
MALBEC

PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

A dark purple-garnet color sets the tone for this bold and expressive Malbec. The nose is rich with ripe black cherry and plum, layered with chocolate, cocoa powder, and a touch of vanilla.

On the palate, flavors of ripe black plum and black cherry are complemented by subtle cocoa, tobacco, and a mineral edge. Medium acidity and chewy yet refined tannins create a well-structured mouthfeel, while a smooth finish leaves a lasting impression of the wine's balance and depth. This Malbec pairs beautifully with roasted poultry, hearty barbecue, or grilled red meats. Enjoy now for its plush fruit and structure, or cellar through 2030 to reveal added complexity.

ACCOLADES	88 Wine Enthusiast
WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Malbec
COOPERAGE	25% new French oak 75% neutral French oak
AGING	30 months
pH/TA	3.45 / 6.65 g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.6 g/L
ABV	14.4%
PRODUCTION	125 cases

VINTAGE NOTES

Paso's 2021 season was shaped by one dramatic storm followed by a long, dry summer. Yields were smaller, but the fruit that came in was intensely flavored and beautifully balanced. The result is a vintage of elegance and concentration, showing depth, vibrant acidity, and the unmistakable character of a year when resilience in the vineyard created wines of true distinction.

Harvest itself unfolded smoothly, and the resulting wines show impressive depth with beautifully integrated acidity. Winemaker Rich Hartenberger and the Midnight Cellars team are confident the 2021 vintage will be remembered for its elegance, concentration, and character born from a season of resilience.



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