



# Herrera

2014

## VICTORIA MALBEC

COMPLEX • INTROSPECTIVE • ROBUST

### STARTING IN THE VINEYARD

2014 was the third consecutive great vintage in the Napa Valley with an abundant fruit harvest and excellent quality. A very dry and warm spring kicked off bud-break earlier than normal. Rainfall in Napa Valley was half of the normal volume we usually see, leading to early veraison and the earliest harvest Napa Valley had seen in 10 years. The dry conditions coupled with stressing clay soils in our Linda Vista vineyard where our Malbec is planted gave us slightly reduced yields of extra concentrated grapes of exceptional quality.

### TO THE CELLAR

Rolando loves Malbec due to its “extreme” personality. This wine is aged in 85% new French oak for 20 months, at which point he feels the fruit, tannins, and oak are in perfect harmony.

### IN YOUR GLASS

Our Malbec grabs your attention with an intense dark purple color and aromas of cassis and blueberry that jump out of the glass along with violet florals and a touch of clove and black pepper spice. The entry suggests flavors of plum, blueberry, molasses and a distinctive anise note. The mouthfeel is unctuous with balanced acidity and the finish again leaves an impression of spice along with creamy vanilla.

### ON YOUR TABLE

This spicy and deeply complex wine deserves your best dishes. Start toasting spices and make a true Oaxacan mole or get those ribs marinating in spices and brown sugar - you will thank us later.

**Vintage** 2014

**Varietal** 100% Malbec

**Appellation** Oak Knoll

**Vineyard** Linda Vista

**Oak** 100% New French

**Aging** 30 months

**Alcohol** 14.5%

**Production** 62 cases