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## **2020 RED MOUNTAIN MALBEC**

Grown at elevations reaching 850 feet on the idyllic southwest-facing slopes of Red Mountain's acclaimed Klipsun and Obelisco vineyards, this luscious Malbec displays remarkable depth and structure. Aged for 16 months in French oak, it is a beautifully ripe and generous wine with fine, powdery tannins and soaring flavors of blueberry pie, damson plum and baker's cocoa.

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

A cold, dry winter on Red Mountain was followed by an equally cool spring, which led to a slightly later-than-normal budbreak and bloom. Following mid-June rains that significantly reduced the size of the crop, the weather turned hot in July and August, and we began picking our Syrah, Merlot and Malbec the first week of September. While the outbreak of wildfires in Oregon was a concern, after travelling more than 200 miles to Red Mountain, the impact of the smoke was minimal, and we were careful to exclude any impacted grapes. Instead, the driving characteristic of the vintage was the low yields, which despite the cool weather allowed the grapes to get beautifully ripe, producing wines with dark colors, plush creamy textures and rich, vibrant flavors.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Explosively aromatic, this luxurious Malbec leaps from the glass with layers of wild blueberry, ripe huckleberry and marionberry, as well as hints of blonde leaf tobacco, white pepper and exotic spice. Rich from start to finish, it displays chocolatey tannins, a sumptuous texture and voluminous layers of blue and black berries that linger long after the last sip.

#### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Red Mountain
VINEYARDS	Obelisco Vineyard, Klipsun Vineyard, and Longwinds Vineayrd
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	96% Malbec, 3% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK PROFILE & AGING	Aged 16 months in 100% French oak 43% new, 57% neutral
KEY COOPERS	Sylvain
ALCOHOL	14.5%
РН	3.81
ACIDITY	0.60 g/100 ml

