



2013 OBELISCO Malbec

AVA: Red Mountain

Winemakers: Sarah Goedhart, Pete Hedges, Doug Long

Blend: 100% Malbec

Vineyards: 100% Obelisco

Bottling: 198 cases 750ml

Alcohol: 14.9% vol.

Barrels: 40% new oak; 50% French/50% American.

Tasting Notes: Dark purple, almost black, color. Aromas of sweet leather, dried herbs, ripe cherry and plum fruit, vanilla/butterscotch custard with notes of graham cracker, red licorice, violets and blackberry. On the palate this wine is full and slightly sweet with blackberry and raspberry fruit, toast and notes of clove, dried herbs and cola. The mouth feel is fairly lush and smooth on the entry, slightly leaner and more acidic on the mid-palate and finishes long with perfect balance of acid and tannins.

Cellaring: Because it is made from Red Mountain Malbec this wine should age well for the next 5 to 10 years. Because it is Obelisco fruit it is soft and inviting now.

Production: All the fruit for this wine is from Obelisco Vineyard. The high density planting yields smaller berries, which contribute to the concentrated flavors, yet the fruit from this vineyard always makes wines with luxurious tannins and mouth feel. Combine this with 19 months in 40% new oak and you get a wine that invitingly combines great fruit and oak.

Harvest notes: 2013 was another excellent growing year, and there was some exceptional heat leading up to harvest. Due to the heat, the sugars developed quickly, followed by the flavors just prior to harvest. The flavors and acidity are nicely balanced. The resulting wines reflect the excellent qualities of the fruit. Another great year.

