



## 2020 MALBEC

### Rogue Valley

At Iris Vineyards we look to showcase the potential of Malbec when planted in the proper place and in the hands of our dedicated growers and cellar staff.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

**VARIETIES** 100% Malbec

**AVA** Rogue Valley

**TA** 6.2g/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.1g/L

**ALCOHOL** 13.0%

**ELEVAGE** 100% French oak, 20% one year old barrels, 80% neutral barrels

**VINEYARDS** Folin Vineyard

**SOIL TYPES** Medford

**HARVESTED** October 2020

**BOTTLED** September 2021

**CELLARING** 3-10 years

**RELEASED** April 2021

**CASES** 126

**WINEMAKER** Aaron Lieberman

**PROPRIETOR** Pamela Frye

**SRP: \$29.99**

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

Each year, as part of our Bordelaise varietals program, we select our favorite of the year to be bottled as a varietal wine and then select the best barrels of that varietal for this wine. I have enjoyed working with the Bordelaise varietals since my time at Owen Roe and was eager to bring some of these delicious wines into the Iris Vineyards portfolio. The Malbec from this vineyard parcel was harvested at peak maturity. For me peak maturity means that a wine like this will have ripe fruit flavors with little to no vegetal aroma while also having alcohol/tannin/acid balance. The fruit was brought to the winery and destemmed into 1.25 ton fermenters. The grapes fermented at moderate temperatures for 15 days, giving plenty of time for extraction of color and flavor. Once fermentation was complete, we pressed to tank for a one week settling period before racking to barrels.

#### **VINTAGE DESCRIPTION**

Warmer than the Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon had a wet start in the spring followed by some heat spikes near bloom. Neither of those conditions continued through the rest of the growing season. There was very little frost pressure during bud break or harvest. The warm days and cool nights of summer led into a great September. The vines did very well and the grapes had a good balance of sugar, acid, and flavor. The berries came through harvest with good chemistry and high color concentration in the red wines.