



## 2016 Malbec

## **TECHNICAL DATA:**

Harvest Date: October 2016

Grape Source: Sierra Foothills, Naggiar Estate

**Blend**: 80% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petite Sirah

Aging: 100% French Oak, 30% New

**Alcohol Content**: 14.5% **Production**: 200 cases

**Platinum, 94 pts** – 2018 Critic's Challenge Int'l Wine Comp. **Best Malbec** – 2018 Critic's Challenge Int'l Wine Comp. **Gold Medal** – 2018 West Coast Wine Comp. (East meets West) **Silver Medal** – 2018 Lone Star Int'l Wine Comp. **90 pts** – 2018 Wine Enthusiast, March Edition

## Tasting Notes:

A long sierra foothills growing season with southern facing rocky soils have helped craft this lovely full bodied Malbec.

Dark garnet colored, this wine boasts aromas of black plums, black cherries and hints of mocha and cedar. On the palate a rich mouth feel offers of ripe mulberry and chocolate are followed by a lingering soft finish. This soft to moderate wine can be enjoyed on its own or with lamb dishes or lightly sauced beef dishes.

## Naggiar Vineyards:

Located twelve miles south of Grass Valley, California and Nestled in the Sierra Foothills, Naggiar Vineyards encompasses some 135 acres of hilly and rocky terrain. At 1,300 feet elevation, the property sits on several large knolls with gentle, hillside slopes and experiences the warm days and cool nights essential for growing top quality wine grapes.

With sixty acres of estate vineyards planted to seventeen Mediterranean varietals, our focus is on growing varietals that time has proven best suited to this site.