

2010 MALBEC



ABOUT THE WINE

Malbec is one of the five “sisters” of the Bordeaux region of France. Somewhat a step-sister, it is typically blended with Cabernet Sauvignon to both soften the tannins and enhance the bouquet of the finished wine. Bottled alone, the experience is the full up bouquet; a full-bodied wine complemented with silky tannins. The wine was aged in both French and American oak.

The vines are in a small vineyard by the south pond, next to the Old Vine Zinfandel. A second planting is underway on the terraces above the winery.

TASTING NOTES

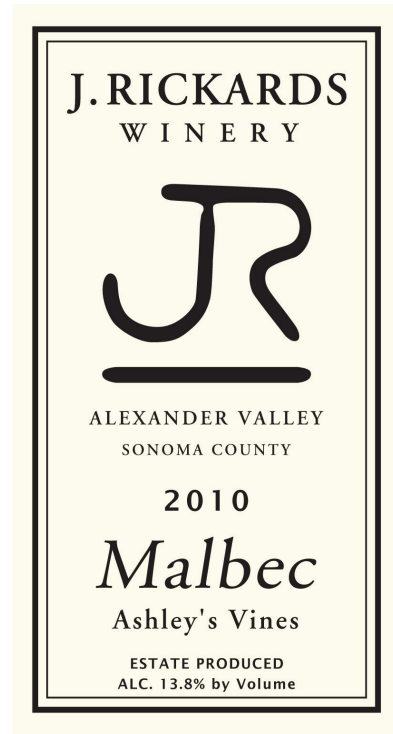
This is Malbec with a capital “Mmmm!” Alluring aromas of ripe black cherry, raspberry, rose petal, orange peel and mocha lure the taster into a silky mouthfeel of consistent flavors, through to the long delicious finish. This elegant wine would be the perfect accompaniment to Pork Tenderloin, Beef Bourguignon or mildly spiced pasta dishes. And, given its rustic tone, consider giving Malbec a go with slow-cooked, braised meats.

TECHNICAL DATA

VARIETAL BLEND:	Malbec
APPELLATION:	Alexander Valley
HARVEST DATES:	October 10, 2010
SUGAR AT HARVEST:	23.8° Brix
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
pH:	3.60
TA:	0.56 g/100ml
RELEASE DATE:	March 2012
TOTAL PRODUCTION:	300 cases

ABOUT THE VINES

When Jim and Eliza Rickards founded J. Rickards Winery in 2005, their goal was to produce hand-made wines that showcased the diverse soils and varying micro-climates of their Vineyards. Beginning in 1978, Jim has established himself as one of the area’s foremost grape growers. He has pioneered efficient vineyard practices and has been a long-time proponent of sustainable farming techniques. They strive to maintain their artisan style, making small lots from several varietals grown on the estate vineyards and by select neighbors.



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