

2018 Vintage: Wine Name: **Small Lot Series Malbec** Varietal: 100% Malbec **Release Date:** TBA **Proprietors and** Winegrowers: Chris and Betty Jentsch Wine Maker: Paula Cooper Cases Produced: 49 **Bottle Size:** 750ml **Bottling Date:** April 24, 2020 SKU: 14330 UPC#: 626990345381 **Appellation:** Okanagan Valley 100% Testalinden Creek Vineyard: Harvesting: By hand at average of 23.1 Brix Harvest Date: September 28, 2017 Vegan Friendly: Yes Cold Soak Average of 5 days Fermentation: 18 days cool fermentation Maceration: Average of 7 days post fermentation Malolactic: Yes, in barrel **Maturation:** For 17 months in medium toast French oak. Alcohol: 13.5 % pH: 3.58 T.A: 5.5 g/L Residual Sugar: 0.6 g/L Storing/cellaring: 13° C / 55° F Aging Potential: Drink Now - 2023 **Optimum Serving Temp:** 15° - 20°C / 60° – 68°F



Tasting Notes:

This is a soft and seductive malbec with rich flavours of dark plum and blackberry that accompany hints of violets and vanilla. Notes of earthiness, leather and a light smokiness on the nose.

Food Pairing:

Roasted meats, mushrooms and root vegetables Dinners of lean red meats like a beef tenderloin stuffed or topped with melted blue cheese,Lamb curries and stews, braised pork shoulder, or duck, all pair nicely with this malbec. Dark chocolate truffles are a spot on accompaniment to finish a meal with malbec.

Vintage Report:

Early 2018 started winter without any harsh extremes that can sometimes affect the vines. It was a nice warm spring with a rapid melt resulting in some flooding in the area but a very good start for early growth and a good development season. By June 15 the crop was 10 days ahead of average. July and August saw a return of the wild fires and combined with very hot conditions saw the plants slow right down and it took till late October to bring what was a very nice balanced harvest to the winery. The vines then eased into dormancy at years end to begin a very mild beginning of winter.