2012 Versado Old Vine

Rich, deep aromas of dark fruits with an overlaid bouquet that is wild and almost Italianate. Complex, open palate; plush textures with blackberry compote, Asian spices, black pepper, savoury notes and a long, structured finish. ~ *Peter Gamble*

A year in the vineyard

This is the vintage that we learned about the Zonda, the infamous drying wind that could be compared to Provence's Mistral. This one came early in the vine cycle and affected flowering, so the crop was small and naturally thinned for the entire season. Consistent warm weather in the early stages of development indicated an early harvest but March was one of the coolest on record, which provided hang time for intense flavour and colour development - something that Malbec loves. We harvested on April 4th, did our usual hand picking into small boxes. followed by stemming and berry sorting. The natural "bleed" was 20%, further reducing the ratio of juice to skin in the fermenter.

Alc.: 14.7%

UPC: 627843187936 SCC: 10627843187933

"the voice of the vineyard"



Reviews

Score: 92 "Dense ruby colour; cedar, minerally, black plum nose; richly extracted, savoury black fruit flavours, beautifully balanced, firmly structured, rich and full on the palate, ripe tannins, with coffee bean and plum flavours. More Cahors in style than Argentina." ~ *Tony Aspler*, *tonyaspler.com*

Availability

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