

## *The Reserve Series*



### *2007 Malbec El Dorado 'Reserve'*

**Source:** Duarte Vineyard, El Dorado County

**Harvest Date:** October 4, 2007

**Brix at Harvest:** 26

**Time in Barrel:** 18 months

**Type of Oak:** Neutral French & American

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Bottled:** April 9, 2009

**Production:** 97 cases

**Winemaker's Notes:** Malbec is a lesser Bordeaux grape variety used in making robust red wine. Malbec wines tend to have an inky dark color and significant tannins. Long known as one of the six grapes allowed in the blend of red Bordeaux wine, the French plantations of Malbec are now found primarily in Cahors in South West France region and in Argentina. Malbec has characteristics that fall somewhere between Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. A midseason ripener, it can bring very deep color and a particular plum-like flavor component to add complexity to claret blends.

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