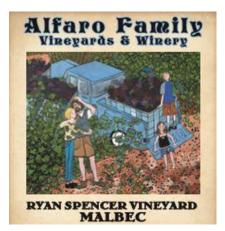
# 2018 Ryan Spencer Vineyard Estate Malbec



### The Vineyard:

Ryan Spencer Vineyard, named after the Alfaro's son, was planted in 2001. It is comprised of seven acres broken into different blocks on a very steep hill between 450 and 800 feet in elevation. This Malbec comes from the tiny one acre "La Escalera" block, which is a terraced hillside area planted half to Malbec, and half to Hermitage clones of Syrah. The grapes were hand-harvested on September 22, 2018.

#### The Wine:

Malbec – a big, bold red wine grape best known in Argentina and France– is now grown around the world. Full-bodied, and inky purple in color, this wine has concentrated notes of black cherry, blackberry and plum with subtle undertones of fig, pepper and mocha.

## **Technical Data:**

| Production   | 75 cases     | Release Date     | Fall 2021                          |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Alcohol      | 14 % by vol. | Aging            | 10 months in 33% new<br>French oak |
| Bottle Sizes | 750 ml       | Suggested Retail | \$40                               |

## **Suggested Food Pairings:**

This wine pairs well with grilled or roasted meats, wild game, beef stew, barbecued chicken and lamb, charcuterie, and bold cheeses like Blue and Gorgonzola.

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