

Once in a while a simple fact realized leads one on a journey that was not planned or expected. This is how this wine was born... When Holly Hoods of the Healdsburg Museum sent me some old pictures of the old Magnolia Cannery that stood where our winery building is today I immediately thought it would be fun to try and connect the past and present functions of the location. When I got my hands on some of the old labels from the cannery I knew right away that I have to find something in the cellar to represent the heritage of processing local fruit by the Healdsburg train station.

The 2015 Magnolia Tribute Red Blend was born. It is a proprietary blend of Malbec, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon (don't ask me for percentages because it is a closely guarded secret!). I chose a Malbec lot that had a strong fruit expression to represent the prunes that used to be packed here but being careful to avoid over-ripe notes. The Merlot brings in a very light green-olive note as a homage to the veggies handled here and the Cabernet Sauvignon wraps it all in mellow tannins and a few floral notes.

Only 54 cases produced, \$8.00 from every bottle goes directly to the Healdsburg Museum. Thanks for your support.