

LONGBOARD

Vineyards

2018

MALBEC

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

DAKINE VINEYARD



VINEYARD

*This Malbec is grown in my estate vineyard in the northern middle-reach of the Russian River Valley appellation (or AVA). The vines, planted for Arrowood Winery in the 1980s, are 35 years-old and are cane pruned. Traditionally, most of the Malbec is picked together with our estate Merlot and provides the velvety core that the wine is known for. A portion of the grapes is fermented separately for our varietal Malbec program; It is from this lot that we selected our best barrels to create the **DaKine Vineyard Malbec** - a pure expression of our estate.*

WINEMAKING

At Longboard, my mission is to create varietally-correct wines with a regional character. I think this reflects my love for travel and experimentation with cuisines of different regions around the planet. This wine was produced with minimal intervention, much like a winemaker would make it one-hundred years ago; it was bottled without the use of any fining agents or filtration. The “secret sauce” in this case is the use of a uniquely toasted French oak barrel that is just the correct fit for this particular fruit source.

BEYOND THE BOTTLE

*“Balance” is the adjective I often use when describing my stylistic goals. I also make the point that in surfing and in winemaking, balance is a dynamic process, not a static state. The **Dakine Malbec** is on the bolder side of the spectrum of the wines I craft; it is slightly restrained by a soft acidity and polished, round tannins. I hope it inspires the creative chef in you to match it with a meal that nourishes both body and soul.*

Cheers

Oded Shakked - Owner / Winemaker

Composition: 100% Malbec - DaKine Vineyard | Region: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.5 % | TA: 6.58 g/L | pH 3.73 | Residual sugar: <0.05