

## 2019 Finca el Origen Gran Reserva Malbec- Mendoza, Argentina

Finca El Origen pioneered the planting of vines in Vista Flores, one of the highest altitude areas of Mendoza's Uco Valley, situated in the foothills of the Andes at elevations of 3300 to 3900 feet above sea level. Here the nights are very cold and the sunlight during the day is quite intense, resulting in grapes with thick skins which produce wines that are rich in tannin and flavor. The grapes used for this Malbec came from the single Los Chacayes vineyard in Finca La Esperanza, considered one of the best for this flagship variety. 30% of the wine was kept in contact with French oak of varying degrees of toasting for 6 months to achieve optimum integration while still retaining the character of the fruit. Aromas are intense with notes of lively red fruits, red apples, floral, herbs and spices. It has lovely crunchy fruit underpinned by fresh acidity. It is refined, fine grained and sophisticated. It is a structured Malbec with blueberry and licorice aromas and flavors that are buttressed with stone undertones. This wine has a full body and structured tannins, and it is fresh and vibrant. 95 PTS Decanter, 93 PTS JS

<u>Pairing</u>s: The bold nature of Malbec makes it well-suited to pairing with various meats. Whether it's the deep flavors of pork loin, the smokiness of pork ribs, or the savory taste of lean brisket. It's also a wonderful companion to duck and dark turkey meat, providing a hearty contrast to these distinctive flavors.

## 2019 Boomtown by Dusted Valley Syrah- Walla Walla, WA

Columbia Valley AVA is home to 99% of Washington state's total vineyard area. A small section of the AVA even extends into northern Oregon. Because of its size, it is necessarily divided into several distinctive sub-AVAs, including Walla Walla Valley. Boomtown by Dusted Valley offers varietal specific wines with one goal - to over deliver. In 2003, Wisconsin natives Chad Johnson and Corey Braunel left the comforts of their corporate jobs to move to Walla Walla and fulfill their dream of crafting world-class wine. The 2019 Boomtown red wines hail from McNary Vineyard, perched right along the mighty Columbia River in the Southeast corner of the Horse Heaven Hills AVA. Beautiful fruit and balance are the hallmarks of these wines, and with the addition of roughly 10-15% of Dusted Valley estate fruit, the result yields wines with polish, concentration and varietal typicity that over deliver time and again. This wine is a blend of 96% Syrah and 4% Petite Sirah with aromas of redcurrants, red licorice and anise. It is full-bodied with silky tannins, juicy and meaty on the palate. It is refreshing with a floral finish. 92 PTS W 7S, 91 PTS JS

<u>Pairings:</u> It is a great match for grilled meats, such as steak, lamb, and pork, that have a rich, bold flavor profile. It complements tomato-based dishes, such as pasta sauces, stews, and chili. The spicy and fruity flavors complement cuisines, such as Mexican, Indian, and Thai.