



**2017 Malbec  
Gamache Vineyard  
Columbia Valley AVA**

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**VINEYARD**

<b>Site</b>	Gamache Vineyard was initially planted in 1982. Located on the white bluffs overlooking Basin City, the vineyard spans an elevation of 804-960 feet. The overall site is characterized by a gentle, mile long southwestern slope. The Malbec is planted on an eastern facing portion helping to preserve the grapes' acidity.
<b>Soil</b>	Primarily Warden sandy loam, which provides ample drainage for vines as well as curbing vine vigor.
<b>Planted</b>	Malbec planted in 2003

**VINTAGE**

<b>Growing Season</b>	A wet cool spring pushed budbreak back by two weeks, but a hot summer accelerated berry development. Weather was ideal during harvest, with warm days and cool nights. This allowed grapes to ripen while retaining acidity.
<b>Harvest Date - Brix</b>	October 16 - 25.0°

**WINEMAKING**

<b>Varietal Composition</b>	100% Malbec
<b>Fermentation</b>	During fermentation, must caps were punched down by hand twice daily, until the desired tannin structure developed. After primary fermentation was complete, malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel.
<b>Aging</b>	15 months in French oak, 36% of which was new
<b>Cases</b>	261
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5%
<b>pH</b>	3.65
<b>Titrateable Acidity</b>	0.63 g/100mL
<b>Release Date - Price</b>	March 2020 - \$42