



## Wine Technical Notes

### 2021 Estate Malbec

Varieties: 100% Malbec

Appellation: Paso Robles - Templeton Gap District

Average brix at harvest: 25.1

Vineyard: Estate

Alcohol: 13.6%

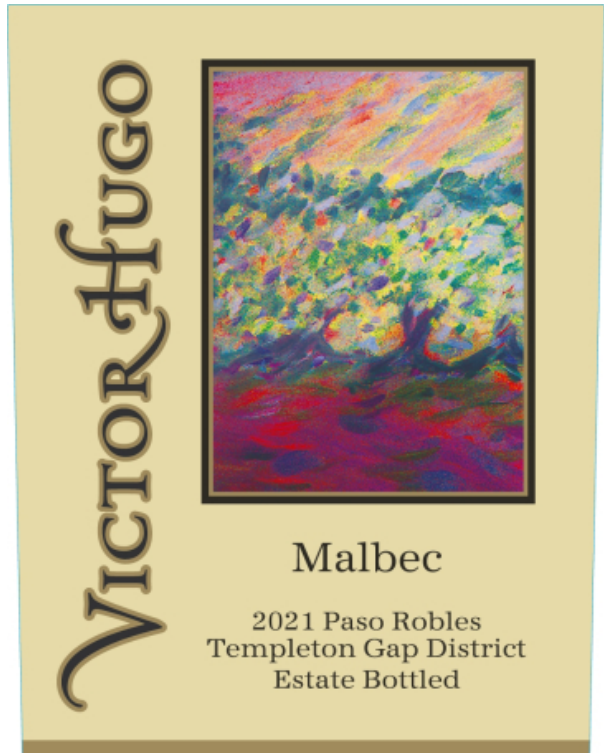
Acidity: 0.67g/100ml

PH: 3.45

Residual sugar: 0.01g/100ml

Date bottled: July 11, 2024

Cases produced: 98



**Growing conditions:** Another drought year with 90% of our total rainfall occurring during the last week of January. An unusual frost in late May resulted in a smaller fruit set. The lighter crop coupled with a long warm summer led to the earliest finish to our harvest at Victor Hugo, with a smaller harvest provided excellent quality.

**Winemaking:** The grapes were hand harvested, then crushed into a stainless steel fermentor. 24 hours later, the must was inoculated with D-80 yeast then pumped over twice daily for 12 days prior to pressing. After completion of malo-lactic fermentation, this Malbec was aged for 30 months in French and Hungarian oak prior to bottling.

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