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# 2HAWK DAROW SERIES MALBEC ROGUE VALLEY 2017

## Analysis

This wine shows us how Malbec can be and should be. It's balanced, nuanced, with loads of earth and spice acting as the perfect companion to the dense black fruits. If your only experience with Malbec is a dense, fruit-bomb that is more redolent of Port than Cahors try this wine! In the Rogue Valley the growing season followed a record snowfall from the winter before. A rather normal spring flowed into a warm summer through mid-July. In August cool temperatures returned allowing the fruit to develop and ripen slowly. Fall continued the cool trend and harvest began on September 8 with the last of the fruit coming in on November 2. This wine was rested in French oak — 50% new, 21% two-years old, and 29% neutral — for a period of 20 months. A real beauty.

**Cool Grade = A | Value Grade = B**

## Tasting Note

Brilliant, deep scarlet color. The aromatics are very intense offering scents of cassis and black plum with supporting notes of boysenberry, cardamon, leather, mocha, and white truffle. The palate echoes the nose delivering a black fruit-driven core with flavors of blackberry, graphite, pomegranate, and forest floor. The finish is long and lingering with firm tannins with silky oak accents. Full-bodied and perfectly balanced with a voluptuous and chewy texture.

## How to Enjoy

Serve now or rest in your cellar for up to a decade. When you do drink this lovely wine please decant it and serve with grilled beef or anything with wild mushrooms.



**Country:** USA

**Region:** Oregon

**Appellation:** Rogue Valley

**Varietal:** Malbec

**Retail Price:** \$49

**ABV:** 13.9%



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