

RESPITE

ALEXANDER VALLEY • REICHEL VINEYARD

You feel it as you crest the last hill, round the last bend. Your mind quiets and your body relaxes. It can be a quiet beach or a bench in a far corner of a city park. You have arrived at the place that makes you forget the craziness of the rest of the world, your Respite.

We invite you to learn more about this wine that we have created using the estate grown grapes from our mountain top vineyard in the Alexander Valley appellation, Where we go when we need Respite from the complexities of life.



2010

Indulgence

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Vineyard:

Our 20 acre south-facing vineyard is located northeast of Cloverdale in the Alexander Valley Appellation from 2,400' to 2,600' in elevation, and is part of a 400-acre ranch that was originally purchased by the family in 1948.

Winemaker:

We knew it was time to start our own brand when we met May-Britt and Denis Malbec. The Malbec name has been synonymous with the famed Chateau Latour for three generations. Denis was born on Latour property, grew up with its soil between his toes and was winemaker there from 1994 until 1999. May-Britt began her wine industry career in Sweden as a sommelier in Stockholm's top restaurants, was named Best Sommelier in the Nordic Countries, and has served on many international sommelier judging panels. Denis and May-Britt have created a wine that showcases our unique mountaintop fruit while giving it an elegant Bordeaux flair.

Tasting Notes:

Dense black/purple in color, with rich notes of cassis, raspberry, wild blackberry, plum liqueur and cigar box. The expansive mid-palate is plush with ripe blackberry, mocha, pomegranate, blueberry, tar and chunky mountain tannins that are all kept in balance by the acidity that we have come to expect from our vineyards.

Varietal: 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Malbec & 13% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Date: October 26th, 2010

Alcohol: 14.1%

Winemaking: Gently destemmed & hand sorted,

extended maceration

Cooperage: 100% French oak (60% new)

Production 77 cases