



HALTER RANCH VINEYARD

2010 ANCESTOR ESTATE RESERVE

Blend: 39% Cabernet Sauvignon
35% Petit Verdot
26% Malbec

Harvest Dates: Cabernet Sauvignon – Block 27 10/12/10
Petit Verdot – Block 23 9/30/10
Malbec – Block 42 10/2/10

Fermentation: Destemmed and fermented in closed-top fermentors with punch-downs and pump-overs twice daily for an average of 15 days.

Aging: Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 50% of which were new oak.

Alcohol: 15.50%

pH: 3.77

TA: 7.5 g/L

Bottled: May 1, 2012

Production: 900 cases (750ml)

TASTING NOTES

Ancestor is Halter Ranch's Bordeaux-style reserve blend. Our winemaker created this blend from his choice barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Malbec. The 2010 *Ancestor* offers complex aromas of ripe blackberries, and allspice. Elegant and balanced, this age worthy wine has soft, seamless tannins and a plush round mouth feel. *Ancestor* pairs well with beef, lamb and game and will develop beautifully in the bottle for the next 10-15 years.

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