



2010 MALBEC

RON SILVA'S SILVASPOONS VINEYARDS MEMBERS RESERVE

Another winery wanted us to make some Malbec for them, so we brought in a few tons from a passionate Lodi grower friend, Ron Silva. We liked the captivating wine so much that we snagged two barrels for our wine club. Each vineyard block is harvested only when perfectly ripe, with lots vinified separately, leveraging high-end winemaking techniques. Members Reserve wines are exclusively grown and made for our cherished and devoted *La Dolce Vita* Wine Sampler Club members.

Tasting Notes

Proving that Lodi can handle Malbec as well as Argentina, our version reaches into the exotic with scents of black licorice and wild berries climbing up a dusty fence post with a pinch of sea salt. It's like a trip to Cuba, drinking in the essence of the skin of a plum mixed with densely textured tart brambly blackberries, sour cherries, spicy spearmint and cedar while someone in the next bungalow is puffing on an exquisite cigar. Completely captivating. (01/28/13)

Statistics

Appellation:	Lodi (Silvaspoons Vineyards)
Blend:	100% Malbec
Harvested:	September 27, 2010
Winemaking:	Native fermentation, free-run juice only, sterile filtered
Cellar:	15 months neutral & 6 months 100% new French oak
Cases:	50 bottled August 10, 2012
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.28
TA:	6.5 g/L
Retail Price:	\$19.99/750 mL (\$13.99 for club members only)

