

# BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

*Inspired by the greatness of one man, William Bitner Browne, late grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne, Browne Family Vineyards is a dream that has been many years in the making. Every decision made – from the vineyard to the bottle – reflects a commitment to premium Washington state wine of uncompromising quality, assuring cellar worthy vintages that stand the test of time.*

“A TRIBUTE TO MY WIFE, COURTNEY.”

- Andrew Browne

## 2017 MALBEC

### TASTING NOTE

“Aromas of coffee and blackberry pie lead into flavors of mixed berry preserves, anise and white pepper. A classic Washington state Malbec, this wine is viscous and creamy with a balanced structure and a savory and fruit driven finish with touches of vanilla. This wine is full of flavor and will pair well with braised meats or duck breast.”

*John Freeman*

- John Freeman, Winemaker

### VINTAGE NOTE

After warmer and larger than average harvests from 2012-2016, this year's growing season and harvest were far more normal. A wet spring led to a dry, warm summer, allowing for excellent fruit development in our vineyards. By harvest, our fruit showed phenolic ripeness with an ideal balance between sugar, acids, and tannin in the fruit skins. The fruit harvested will make for a fine 2017 vintage from Washington. Harvest began during the second week of August with the last of our Cabernet Sauvignon pulled from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula Gap and Skyfall Vineyard on November 2.

### WINEMAKING

#### HARVEST DATE

Oct. 10-24, 2017

#### BLEND

100% Malbec

#### AGED

9 months

#### OAK

22% new American oak

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5.5 g/l	3.86	12.31%

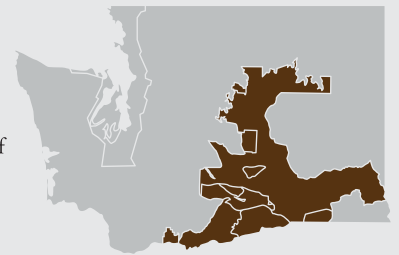


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### COLUMBIA VALLEY AVA

85% Canyon Vineyard Ranch, 10% Willard, 5% Weinbau

Known for its many and varied microclimates (cool, warm, windy, hilly, flat), Columbia Valley is the umbrella AVA under which many of the state's sub-AVAs fall. While it contains 99% of wine grapes grown in Washington State, 6,851 of its acres are unique to the Columbia Valley and don't overlap another sub-AVA in the state.



2012 – 91 POINTS, Wine Enthusiast

2013 – GOLD, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition

2016 – 91 POINTS, James Suckling