



**92 POINTS**

*James Suckling, June, 2017*

**VINTAGE** 2015

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**

3,050 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 25-30 years

**ALCOHOL** 14.1%

**CASES IMPORTED** 750

**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE** \$20

**UPC** 835603001808

graffito

## MALBEC 2015

**Small-production Malbec from over 100-year-old vines with amazing concentration, aromatics, and earthy notes of smoke and espresso.**

**WINERY BACKGROUND:** These deeply concentrated wines are named after the color of “graphite” and shows beautiful expression and structure. Winemaker Jimena Lopez left her corporate wine job to pursue her dream of making her own wine, and she now handles all aspects of Graffito from vine selection to the final blend with a precise attention to detail. She believes so deeply in her wine quality that she puts her fingerprint stamp of approval right on the label.

Jimena made her own winemaking dream a reality when she came across an old-vine Malbec vineyard planted in 1908 in Alto Agrelo farmed by Don Pepe and his family. The balance and structure coming from these old vines are the pillars of Graffito. Jimena also sources grapes from family-owned vineyards in Los Arboles and Vistaflores in the Uco Valley to round out her wines with the perfect blend of fruit flavors, floral notes, and spices.

**VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:** Graffito Malbec is hand-harvested from three vineyards in Agrelo, Los Arboles, and Vistaflores. 70% is aged for 13 months in French oak.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Deep and bright color that evokes its name. Ethereal rose petal incense and spicy perfume with a bass note of smoky earth and espresso. Juicy and medium-bodied with red currant and black pepper on the palate. Finishes with smooth, lush tannins, ripe acidity and good length. The ultimate in steak wine. Try with grilled steak, bbq wings or smoked gouda.



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