

Prince Valiant 2014

Blend:

53% Malbec

39% Cabernet Sauvignon

8% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.2% abv **TA:** 6.15 g/L **pH:** 3.58

Case Production: 837 cases

Date Bottled: 5/10/16

Grape Source(s):

Malbec - Clements Hill Vineyard, Lodi AVA CA

Cabernet Sauvignon - Delu Vineyard, Alta Mesa AVA, CA

Petit Verdot - Angiolina Vineyard - Yakima Valley AVA, WA

Aging: 17 months in oak barrels: 83% used, 6% new American, 11% re-coopered

Winemaker Notes: Our Prince Valiant blends are inspired by American Meritage wines. Meritage first appeared in the late 1980s after a group of American vintners joined forces to create a name for New World wines blended in the tradition of Bordeaux. A Red Meritage is a blend of two or more of the red Bordeaux varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Carménère) with no one variety making up more than 90% of the blend. Marked by fresh fruit and bright acidity, the 2014 growing season in California (where we sourced the majority of the grapes for this blend) was dry, but uninterrupted by heat spikes. Since we like to stay on the softer side of Bordeaux for this Meritage blend, we chose Malbec as our base for its juicy dark fruit. To complement the Malbec, we added a good portion of Cabernet Sauvignon for backbone and a touch of Petit Verdot for vibrant acidity and violet aromas.

Tasting Notes: This Bordeaux blend is a Cellardoor staple with ripe blueberry, spiced plum, violets, and supple tannins.

Awards:

Gold - 2018 Los Angeles International Wine Competition (90 Points)

Pairing Suggestions:

- Sirloin steak / Hanger steak
- Pork tenderloin
- Iberico ham
- Cheese: Taleggio or Manchego

Price: \$22.00



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