

BROWNE

FAMILY VINEYARDS

Inspired by the greatness of one man: William Bitner Browne, grandfather of proprietor Andrew Browne. Integrity and excellence are the standards upon which Browne wines are created. Browne Family is premium Washington wine, 15 years in the making before its first vintage debuted, crafted with the utmost quality and enjoyment in mind.

“A TRIBUTE TO MY WIFE, COURTNEY.”

- Andrew Browne



2015 MALBEC

VINTAGE NOTE

The 2015 Washington state harvest will go down in history as the vintage where parts of the state persevered above irrigation restrictions, several 100-degree days, and a few late-season regional wildfires that spared growers from any problems. It will also be noted as the year with a record surge in growing degree days, a harvest that started early and ended by mid-October, and a bounty that surpassed even the 227,000 ton record set during the 2014 Washington harvest. Fruit flavors from this harvest are concentrated and intense, with moderate berry size, excellent phenolic ripeness and balanced acidity.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for Browne Family was harvested at the peak of Phenolic ripeness and tested on the vine for flavor and structure. Once harvested, all grapes were handpicked into small ½ ton bins and immediately de-stemmed. The winery “crusher,” used to de-stem fruit was removed to maintain 70% whole berries during fermentation. This allowed for great extraction of color and increased the maturity of tannins making the wine more approachable. After pressing occurred, primary fermentation was completed in stainless steel. The new wine was then transferred to 59-gallon French Oak casks; selected for their intense Malbec varietal characteristics and to balance the fruit tannins. The Browne Family 2015 Malbec was barrel aged for 20 months.

TASTING NOTE

Very dark purple in color, this wine has aromas of currants, black plum and fresh tobacco. Medium bodied with silky tannins and flavors of milk chocolate and blackberry with mocha and pomegranate on the finish. The wine is approachable and very drinkable now, but will mature beautifully for years to come.

CELLARING

Crafted as a cellar worthy wine; enjoy now or cellar for up to ten years.

2012 – **91 POINTS**, *Wine Enthusiast*

2013 – **GOLD**, *San Francisco Chronicle*
Wine Competition

BLEND

100% Malbec

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley

GRAPE SOURCE

*Blue Mountain Vineyard,
Weinbau, Art Den Hoed*

VINTAGE

2015

WINEMAKER

John Freeman

HARVEST DATE

Sep. 14 – Oct. 10, 2015

YEAST

Andante

AGED

20 months

OAK

*Mixed American and
French oak, 28% new*

BOTTLED

Aug. 2, 2017

TA PH
5.8 g/l 3.83

ALC.
13.7%