



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...



2015 Malbec

Story of the Wine: To coincide with my attempt to climb Mt Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America, I thought it might be fun to make a wine synonymous with Argentina (home of Mt Aconcagua). Malbec has a long history in Argentina. The vines planted there derive from the pre-phylloxera material collected from Bordeaux. Argentinian Malbec berries are smaller and the clusters tighter than their French relatives, leading to wines that are deeper in colour with velvety textures. Kim & Tennille Chalmers planted a clone of Malbec sourced from Argentina at their Heathcote vineyard. This clone is known for an aromatic intensity of violets as well as plush fruit depth. Being good people, they allowed me to purchase a small parcel to indulge my whim.

Review: "It tastes resinous and chocolatey with dry spice - almost into red dust - flying around the edges. It's a bit free and loose but it tightens nicely through the finish." **Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front**

Vintage:	2015
Other vintages:	2001
Grape variety:	Malbec
Vineyards:	Chalmers, Heathcote
Bottled:	February 2016
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cellar potential:	3+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$45