

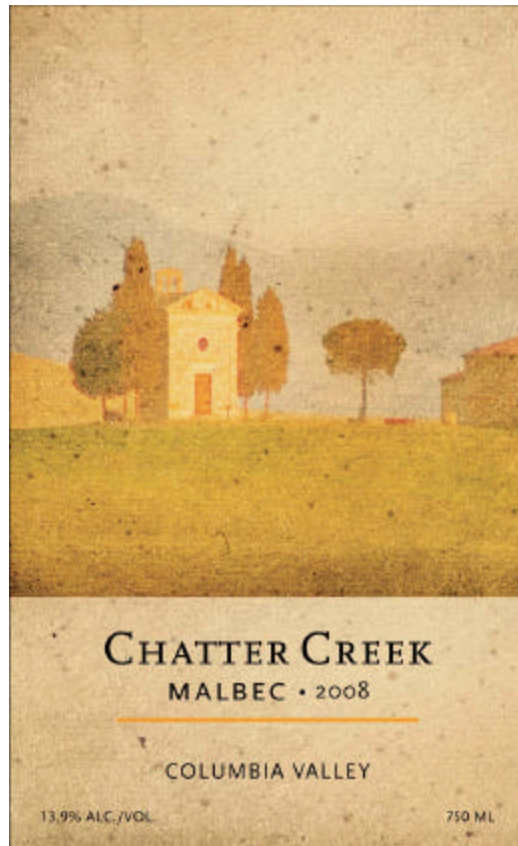


# CHATTER CREEK

**Malbec** COLUMBIA VALLEY ~ 2008

I started working with Malbec a few years ago with the intent of using it mostly for blending stock. I have really grown to like the velvety feel it adds to a blend. It is a great adjunct to Merlot with its big blackberry center and often zinfandel--like brambly finish.

Unencumbered by new oak, this wine is big and focused. Aromas are bold with black cherries and dried berries such as raisins, and a hint of meatiness that adds interest and complexity to create a near--perfect bouquet. On the palate, this year's Malbec is saturated with dark berry and plum flavors supported by some mineral and meat flavors. The wine is perfectly balanced with a great dose of natural acidity and ends with a long, clean finish.



## Vineyard Blend

Alder Ridge 48%  
Lonesome Spring 52%

## Varietal Blend

Malbec 100%

## Statistics

Bottled April 11, 2011

Cases produced: 98