

THE BRANDER VINEYARD

LOS OLIVOS, CALIFORNIA

2023 F/RED

RED WINE BLEND | LOS OLIVOS DISTRICT

F/RED is Brander's approachable, easy-drinking red table blend, named in honor of founder Fred Brander, whose passion for Bordeaux varieties has shaped the winery since 1975. Led by Malbec, the 2023 vintage brings together Bordeaux structure and Central Coast vibrancy in a medium-bodied red that is fruit-forward, balanced and broadly food-friendly.

82%

MALBEC

13.5%

ALCOHOL

19 MONTHS

OAK AGING

COMPOSITION

82% Malbec | 10% Cabernet Sauvignon | 4% Merlot | 4% Syrah

VINEYARD SOURCES

Brander Estate - Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot
Mesa Verde Vineyard - Syrah

HARVEST AND CHEMISTRY

Malbec: 10/12 and 10/18 - 23.8-24.4 Brix, pH 3.48-3.56
Cabernet Sauvignon: 10/27 - 24.2 Brix, pH 3.45
Merlot: 10/06 - 23.7 Brix, pH 3.42
Syrah: 10/20 - 24.0 Brix, pH 3.47

TASTING PROFILE

Bright aromas of strawberry, red plum and cherry are lifted by crushed stone and subtle pepper. The palate is juicy and medium-bodied, with supple tannins framing cherry, red plum, dried herb, crushed rock and a light dusting of pepper. The finish is smooth, lively, stony and lightly spiced.

WINEMAKING

All grapes were hand harvested, destemmed and lightly crushed before fermentation in small open-top bins. The wine aged for approximately 19 months in neutral French and American oak barrels, preserving the freshness and generous fruit character of the Malbec-led blend.

FOOD PAIRING

A versatile red for burgers, grilled sausages, pizza, barbecue, roasted vegetables, tacos, charcuterie and weeknight pasta dishes.