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22 Jul 2013 by JH

Luján de Cuyo, at 1,000 m. 12 months in new French oak. Deep cherry crimson. Restrained dark fruit with a mineral/coal-like aroma I associate with the Douro and granite even though the soils here are sandy clay over stony gravel, and a light floral note. Creamy sweetness and spice of oak wraps around but does not overwhelm the fruit. Rich but not at all fat. Dry finesse to the tannins, just a hint of vanilla/chocolate on the finish, which is dry and leaves your mouth feeling clean. You could broach it now but it will benefit from longer in bottle. (JH)

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Date tasted	16 Jun 2013
Producer	Mendel
Appellation	Mendoza
Vintage	2011
Region	Mendoza
Country	Argentina
Score	17
Colour	Red
Alcohol	14.5%
When to drink	2013 to 2018
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Wine	Producer	Vintage	Appellation	Score
Chappellet Cabernet Sauvignon 1973 Napa Valley	Chappellet	1973	Napa Valley	18
Lillian Syrah 2009 Santa Barbara County	Lillian	2009	Santa Barbara County	18
Mendel, Unus 2010 Mendoza	Mendel	2010	Mendoza	18
Corison, Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 St Helena	Corison	2008	St Helena	17.5+
Montequieto, Quieto 2007 Mendoza	Montequieto	2007	Mendoza	17.5