

## Wine Advocate's Robert Parker Review

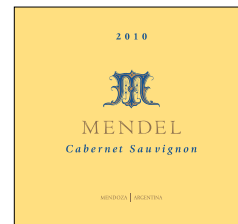
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Tasting History



### 2010 Mendel Cabernet Sauvignon

**A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry  
Red Table wine from  
Mendoza, Argentina**



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Drink: 2012 -  
2018

The 2010 Mendel Cabernet Sauvignon, the second release, comes from vines in Perdriel planted in 2002 and it is vinified identically to the Mendel Malbec. It has a very refined, elegant bouquet with superb delineation: blackberry, raspberry leaf, wild strawberry and tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, slightly dry tannins. It is unashamedly "classic" in style with a pleasing touch of austerity on the finish, and yet there is patently ample fruit intensity (rather than concentration) with razor-like delineation on the finish. This is a sublime Argentinean Cabernet. Drink now-2018.

Alongside Nicolas Catena, the late Raul de la Mota was considered the forefather of modern Argentinean viticulture and his son, Roberto de la Mota, has himself become one of the country's most respected vigneron. It was Roberto's knowledge and expertise that Mendel's proprietor, Anabelle Sielecki, whose father immigrated to Argentina, sought when looking for a partner, and it was a pleasure to meet both at this small winery. The first thing to catch my eye was a sign indicating the age of the vines in Lujan de Cuyo. Mendel is a bijou winery that does not rely on modern technology to conjure impressive wines. They come from the small, specially selected ancient parcels that are combined with a simple, intuitive approach to winemaking courtesy of Roberto and vineyard manager, Santiago Mayorga. These are splendid, intellectual Mendoza wines. The highlight for this writer was the fabulous Mendel Malbec rather than the premium Unus and Finca Remota. But I begin with the solitary white, one well worth seeking out.