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20 Aug 2011 by JH

*Vines in Luján de Cuyo at 1000 m, planted 1928. 12 months in French oak, 1/3 new.*

Very deeply coloured, black core. Sweet ripe blubberies, very slightly floral. Perfumed but the floral element is slight; lots of spice. More oaky spice on the palate and hint of smoky minerality. Tannins are chewy but super-smooth and enhanced by fresh acidity. Savoury palate and aftertaste – old-vine concentration without anything forced. Dense, rich velvety. Alcohol is on the high side but not out of balance. Dark, spicy long finish. Really moreish. VGV (JH)

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Date tasted	12 Apr 2011
<b>Producer</b>	<b>Mendel</b>
Appellation	Mendoza
<b>Vintage</b>	<b>2008</b>
Region	Mendoza
Country	Argentina
<b>Score</b>	<b>17</b>
Colour	Red
Alcohol	14%
When to drink	2011 to 2015
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