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Vines in Alta Mira in the Uco Valley, 70-year-old vines at 1,100 m. Low yields, harvested late. Oxidative fermentation. 15% of the wine fermented in new American oak. Part oak aged.

Pale lemon colour. Ripe, creamy, mealy citrus nose. Dense, rich and plenty of texture from concentrated fruit but also a fine austerity and structure. Some grapefruit flavour, mainly citrus, non aromatic. Slight and attractive bitter freshness. Oak felt more in the texture than in the flavour. Acidity moderate to fresh. Well balanced and good length. Powerful but subtle. Blind, it would be quite hard to place this (as my Master of Wine students discovered!). GV (JH)

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Date tasted	12 Apr 2011
Producer	Mendel
Appellation	Mendoza
Vintage	2010
Region	Mendoza
Country	Argentina
Score	16.5
Colour	White
Alcohol	13.5%
When to drink	2011 to 2013
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