

Wine Advocate's Robert Parker Review

December 27th, 2007



2005 Mendel Malbec

A Malbec Dry Red table wine form

Mendoza, Argentina

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 174 Dec 2007	Jay Miller	93	Drink 2011 - 2025	\$ 23 (47)

The 2005 Malbec was sourced from 77 year old ungrafted vineyard, and aged for 12 months in 40% new French oak. It is opaque purple-colored with aromas of smoke, toast, violets, and black raspberry. Supple, ripe, and layered, it is firmly structured with well-concealed tannins, It will evolve for 3-5 years and drink well through 2025. The head winemaker and partner at Mendel is Roberto de la Mota who formerly held the same position at Cheval des Andes. Importer: Vine Connections, Sausalito, CA; tel. (415) 332-VINO

2005 Mendel Unus

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from

Mendoza, Argentina

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 174 Dec 2007	Jay Miller	94	Drink 2014 - 2030	\$ 65 (65)

The 2005 Unus is 65% Malbec and 35% Cabernet Sauvignon from the same 77 year old vineyard. The wine was aged for 16 months in 100% new French oak and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Inky purple, it has a super-expressive perfume of toasty oak, pencil lead, cocoa, plum, and black cherry. Medium to full-bodied, plush, and full-flavored, this concentrated, well-balanced effort will improve with another 6-8 years in the bottle and provide pleasure through 2030. The head winemaker and partner at Mendel is Roberto de la Mota who formerly held the same position at Cheval des Andes. Importer: Vine Connections, Sausalito, CA; tel. (415) 332-VINO