

# Decanter®




## NEW WORLD ICONS



### ICONS OF TOMORROW

#### Mendel, Mendoza

 Mendel Winery is the new Malbec kid on the block. But it does have an experienced winemaker in Roberto de la Mota who, before taking on Mendel, spent many years at Terrazas de los Andes working with Malbec, while his father, Raul, is a legend in the Argentinian wine industry.

Mendel also has exceptionally mature vineyards of 80-year-old own-rooted Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon in Perdiel (Finca de los Andes) and in Mayor Drummond (Finca M) at an average of 1,000 m above sea level in Mendoza's, Luján de Cuyo. Rocky, permeable soils, poor in organic materials, and a continental, desert

climate with minimal annual rainfall are the preconditions for the low yields needed for wines of concentration, intensity and elegance.

Roberto de la Mota has teamed up with a traditional Argentinian family to produce wines of superior quality and, on the evidence of this effort to date, Mendel looks a good bet as an icon of the future. Working with vineyard manager and winemaker Santiago Mayorga, de la Mota produces a Mendel Malbec and Mendel Unus, the latter a vivid blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec with excellent structure and complexity.