



MENDEL

LUNTA Malbec

TECHNICAL SHEET - 2018

MALBEC 100 %

Mayor Drummond vineyards, Luján de Cuyo.

VINEYARD

- Property: Mayor Drummond, Luján de Cuyo.
- Altitude: Luján de Cuyo at 980 meters above sea level.
- Year of planting: 1928.
- Malbec selection: Luján and Altamira.
- Yield: 7,500 kilos per hectare.

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: Last week of March 2018.
- Hand-harvested in 18-kilo crates. Bunches are selected in the vineyard.
- Characteristics of the year: Spring was cool. After even budding and abundant flower-setting, there was some late frost in November which slightly affected production. During a few weeks, summer was a little hot and very dry. Later, though it remained dry, temperatures became average to average-low until the end of the season. An early frost on March 25th which affected some areas in Uco Valley partially scorched some of the leaves but did not damage either the quantity or quality of the grapes. Hence, the 2018 harvest offered high-quality wines, medium to high alcohol levels and refreshing acidity. The 2018 red wines will be remembered for their excellent quality and elegance.

WINEMAKING

- Berry selection at the sorting tables.
- Fermentation in 80-hectoliter tanks; manual pigeage during the first weeks.
- Total maceration time, three weeks.
- Pneumatic pressing at low pressure.
- Malolactic fermentation in tanks and barriques.
- 50 % of the wine is aged in second- and third-use French oak barrels for 12 months; the other 50% is aged in stainless steel tanks.
- Mild clarification, no filtering.
- Bottled in October in 2019.

TASTING NOTES

- Color: Intense ruby red.

-Nose: Very fruity and intense. Prevailing red and black fruit aromas of raspberries, plums and blackberries are backed by floral scents of violets. The ageing in French oak contributes touches of vanilla and caramel, granting superb intensity.

-Palate: It is a gentle, fruity and easy-to-drink wine. Fruit and floral undertones and pleasant acidity contribute intensity, freshness and zest. Ripe, soft tannins confer body and balance to this wine.

Best served: 14 °C - 16 °C.

Alcohol: 14.5 % v/v.

Volume: 750 ml.

Peak drinking: Best if consumed between 2019 and 2028.

Production limited to 56,000 bottles.



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