

Cuvelier Los Andes

EL 2015

WHEN THE ART OF WINEMAKING MEETS PASSION AND INSPIRATION, WE ACHIEVE EL CUVELIER LOS ANDES



EL CUVELIER LOS ANDES captures a moment of true refinement. As our wines mature slowly in more than 800 French oak barrels, we carefully select a handful of them which have attained their very best expression. EL is only produced from outstanding vintages...



Technical Data

90 % Malbec, 10% Merlot.

Location: Uco Valley, Vista Flores, Tunuyán, Mendoza, Argentina.

Alcohol: 15, 1%

Acidity: 5,6 g/L

Residual Sugar: 1,8 g/L

pH: 3,7

Dry Extract: 34,6 g/L

Production: 2.900 Bottles

Vintage Characteristics

The spring of 2014 was cool with average temperatures around 10°C and low humidity. Precipitation reached almost 20 mm. Budding was homogenous with very good fruition. Summer weather was within normal parameters and resulted in a very good selection of grape clusters. February was more humid than usual with 80 mm of precipitation and very good average temperatures around 20°C. Typical temperatures range between 12 and 15°C, so CLA defoliated more extensively on the vineyard's west side to improve insolation and ventilation.

The harvest was of very good quality with a fresher acidity and a high concentration of polyphenols, ensuring wines with good volume and great delicacy.

Vineyards

Total area: 65 hectares.

Area in production: 55 hectares.

Altitude: 1000 meters above sea level.

Plantation density: 5500 plants per hectare in vertical trellising system.

Yield: 5000 a 6000 kg per hectare.

Harvest: manual in 12 kg boxes.

Wine-Making

The wine is fermented in new oak barrels. Grapes are selected by hand and barrels are filled by gravity. The total maceration process takes 45 to 60 days.

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% in new French oak barrels.

Ageing: 100% in new French oak barrels for 18 months.

Barrels selection: after a meticulous tasting of each barrel from the barrel-fermented lots of wines, CLA selects the outstanding ones that will create this exceptional blend.

Tasting Note

Appearance: very attractive and intense red color.

Aroma: very complex and intense. Seductive.

Mouth: this wine is incredibly full, intense and elegant with an outstanding ageing potential.

Stephen Tanzer : 92 + pts