

Cuvelier Los Andes

GRAND MALBEC 2016

OUR SPECIAL CUVÉE, AN ABSOLUTE MALBEC



Grand Malbec is a selection of our most beautiful Malbec grapes, barrel-fermented and aged in new barrels for 18 months. Grand Malbec has an outstanding concentration that will surprise you with its balance and ageing potential. A must for all Malbec fans.



Technical Data

100% Malbec

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

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity: 5.93 g/L

Residual Sugar: 1.8 g/L

pH: 3.75

Dry Extract : 9.500 Bottles

Vintage Characteristics

The weather this spring was normal despite minimum temperatures lower than usual, resulting in slower but ultimately homogenous budding, without any frost related damage. CLA's grapevines are planted on a steep slope so cold masses of air slide down it quickly, making it difficult for cool air to reach the fruit and thus avoiding damage to new growth by low temperatures. A humid summer was expected, so CLA took greater precautions by defoliating its vines more than usual. As a result, it was prepared for the high amount of rainfall in January (150 mm) and was able to ripen the grapes to their usual level, although with lower contents of sugars, in a perfect sanitary condition. This year's wines are very attractive with a balanced acidity, medium body with strong notes of fruit and very good ageing potential.

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 are gravity-loaded into barrels. 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.

Tasting Note

Appearance: very intense color with deep and attractive violet-red shadow.

Aroma: good intensity and very seductive showing a great oak integration within a complex bouquet of fruits and violet notes.

Mouth: in accordance to its aromas with good balance and long finish. Very good wine!