

Cuvelier Los Andes

GRAND MALBEC 2017

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: 15.3%

Acidity: 5.75 g/L

Residual Sugar: 1.87 g/L

pH: 3.83

Dry Extract : 34.8 g/L

Production: 17.500 Bottles

Vintage Characteristics

Winter 2016 has been absolutely normal in terms of both temperatures and rainfall though spring showed lower temperatures than usual, especially during bud-break and flower that did affect our yields, especially for Malbec which is more sensitive to cold temperatures. Summer 2017 has been normal with low rainfall and very good thermal amplitude that combined with the low yields, generated an extraordinary accumulation of anthocyanin, especially in Malbec and an optimal phenolic maturation for all our varieties. These conditions produced outstanding wines, with less quantities of Malbec but exceptional characteristics of concentration, complexity and 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: intense and attractive deep red with black shadows.

Aroma: very rich, complex and concentrated, notes of caramel and ripe fruits.

Mouth: soft and velvety first mouth then a full, rich and complex wine with incredible length. Outstanding wine and an outstanding ageing potential.

Tim Atkins : 92 pts

James Suckling : 94 pts