



# MENDEL

## LUNTA Malbec

### TECHNICAL SHEET - 2020

#### 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 2020.
- Hand-harvested in 18-kilo crates. Bunches are selected in the vineyard.
- Characteristics of the year: In general the sprouting took place on the scheduled dates, it was quite homogeneous and the sprouts developed with good vigor. Spring was fresh, and there was only some frost damage in very low areas where there was also Coulure, and decreased production increased by some rains in flowering. The summer was warm, but the thermal amplitude was very high, almost 3°C more than usual, which explains the intense color, the thick skins, well-present tannins, a lot of fresh fruit intensity, and good acidity in the wines. The 2020 harvest will be remembered for its outstanding quality.

#### 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 September in 2021.

#### 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.

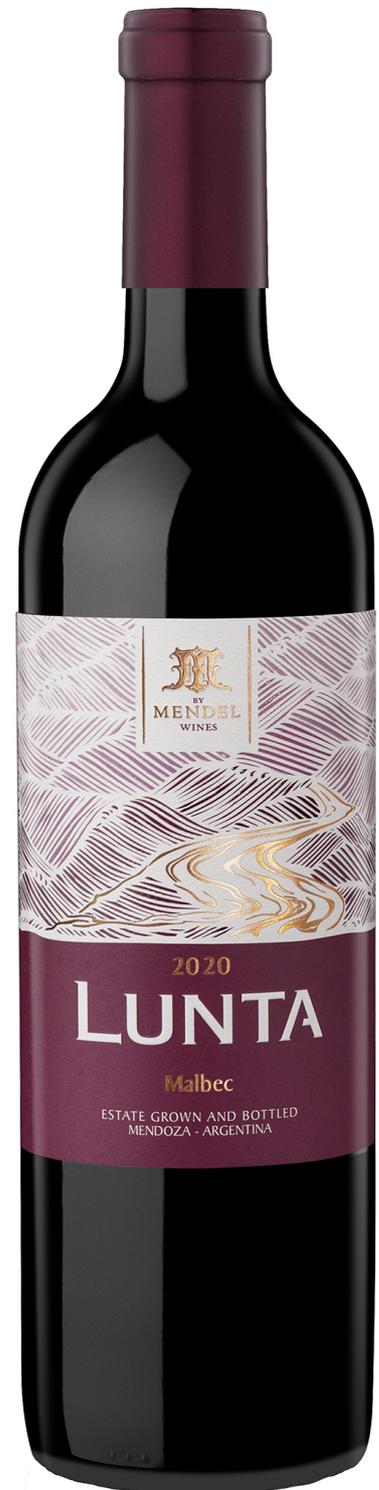
Best served: 14 °C - 16 °C.

Alcohol: 14.5 % v/v.

Volume: 750 ml.

Peak drinking: Best if consumed between 2021 and 2030.

Production limited to 15,080 bottles.



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