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TECHNICAL SHEET - 2018

GRAPE VARIETY: 65% MALBEC - 25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON - 10% PETIT VERDOT

VINEYARD

- Estates: Finca Drummond and Finca de Los Andes in Luján de Cuyo and Altamira in Uco Valley.
- Terroir and Altitude: Drummond, at 980 meters above sea level; ungrafted grapevines grow on shallow, very permeable sandy silt soils. Perdiel, at 980 meters above sea level; shallow, stony soils of great drainage. Altamira, at 1,100 meters above sea level; ungrafted grapevines grow on sandy loam soils set on massive calcareous blocks.
- Planting Year: The Malbec vines date from 1928-1930. The Cabernet Sauvignon in Perdiel was planted in 1994.
- Varietal selections: Malbec Luján and Altamira, Cabernet Sauvignon clone 337, Petit Verdot Margaux selection.
- Yield: between 4,500 kilos and 5,500 kilos per hectare.

HARVEST

- Harvest time: Second week of April 2018.
- Hand-harvested in 18-kilo crates.
- Climatic characteristics: 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, 2018 offered high-quality wines, medium to high alcohol and refreshing acidity. The red wines of the 2018 harvest will undoubtedly be remembered because of their very good color, ripe tannins, great structure, amazing quality and elegance.

WINEMAKING

- Manual berry selection at the sorting table.
- Fermentation in small 50-hl tanks. Manual pigeage during the first few weeks.
- Total maceration time: 25 days.
- Pneumatic pressing at low pressure.
- Malolactic fermentation in barriques.
- Ageing in French oak barrels for 16 months.
- Blended and later bottled in November 2019.
- Bottle-aging for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

- Color: Dark intense red, purple at the rim.
- Nose: Complex and multi-layered. Before being swirled, the wine exhibits fresh fruit notes like black cherries, plums, blackberries and cassis. Once swirled, it displays spices such as pink peppercorn, cedarwood, chocolate notes, vanilla and blond tobacco.
- Mouth: It is a harmonious and mouth-filling wine which feels meaty and unctuous, with refined and round tannins. The Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend contributes tannic structure and a spicy core while the Malbec offers unctuousness, roundness and fruit and the Petit Verdot, body and licorice. The aromatic complexity on the nose echoes on the palate and makes it incredibly long. The acidity in this elegant wine ensures freshness and great cellaring capacity.

Serving temperature: Between 16 °C and 18 °C.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Volume: 750 ml.

Peak drinking: Best if consumed between 2020 and 2045.

Production limited to 14,220 bottles.



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