



MENDEL

Cabernet Franc

TECHNICAL SHEET - 2020

CABERNET FRANC 100 %

Paraje Altamira

VINEYARD

- Estates: Finca Remota, Paraje Altamira in Uco Valley.
- Terroir: Height: 1,100 meters above sea level. Sandy loam soil on massive calcareous blocks.
- Planting year: 2012.
- Yield: 6,000 k per hectare.

HARVEST

- Date of harvest: 2nd fortnight in April 2020.
- Hand-harvested in 18-kilo bins. Bunch selection in the vineyard.
- Climatic characteristics: 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

- Manual berry selection at the sorting table.
- Fermentation and maceration in small 80-hectolitre tanks. Manual pigeage during the first few weeks.
- Total maceration time, 25 days.
- Pneumatic pressing at low pressure.
- Malolactic fermentation in tanks.
- The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 12 months, 1/3 in new ones, 1/3 in second-use ones and 1/3 third-use ones.
- Mild clarification. No filtering.
- Bottled in February 2022.

TASTING NOTES

-Color: Intense ruby red.

-Nose: Fresh, spicy and fruity.

-Palate: Pleasant and refreshing attack. The wine boasts both red fruit scents of raspberries and cherries and spicy hints of pink and black pepper which deliver delightful freshness. Ripe and firm tannins offer a silky, elegant texture. Lingering and persistent finish.

Service temperature: between 16 °C and 18 °C.

Alcohol: 14.4 %.

Content: 750 ml.

Peak drinking: Best if consumed between 2022 and 2042.

Limited production: 9,800 bottles.

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