



# MENDEL

## LUNTA Malbec

### TECHNICAL SHEET - 2021

#### 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 2021.
- Hand-harvested in 18-kilo crates. Bunches are selected in the vineyard.
- Characteristics of the year: Spring, as in previous years, surprised us with a medium-intensity late frost, which had diverse consequences depending on the different areas. While the average temperature in October was similar to the previous year, the minimum temperature was lower. This fact could explain the inflorescence damage and the decrease in production. November and December were dry, and the average temperatures were lower than in the same period of the previous year, resulting in well-developed and growing vineyards. There were three warm weeks in summer, but then the temperatures dropped, ending in lower averages for each month, a phenomenon that explains the slow maturity of the grapes, the acidity preservation, and freshness. In February and part of March, there were heavy rains. Then the weather continued cool and dry. The red wines are colorful, very fresh, and medium-bodied, and have well-present tannins and a good length on the palate.

#### 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 February in 2022.

#### 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: 14.6 % v/v.

Volume: 750 ml.

Peak drinking: Best if consumed between 2022 and 2032.

Production limited to 15,080 bottles.



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