



# MENDEL

## LUNTA Malbec

### TECHNICAL SHEET - 2023

#### 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 2023.
- Hand-harvested in 18-kilo crates. Bunches are selected in the vineyard.
- Characteristics of the year: The late frost that occurred at the end of October and the beginning of November had serious consequences on the production, making the 2023 harvest the lowest in over 20 years. Despite these phenomena, the nobility of the vine allowed us to produce good wines, both white, rosé, and red. The summer, in general, was very dry with high temperatures in December and January, the months of February and March were slightly cooler, and the grapes continued, in general, with a good balance of acidity and sugar accumulation. The wines produced in this vintage are very interesting and intensely fruity. All these characteristics ensure good ageing potential.

#### 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 January in 2024.

#### 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: 14.4 % v/v.

Volume: 750 ml.

Peak drinking: Best if consumed between 2024 and 2033.

Production limited to 32,000 bottles.

*Reserva de la Bodega*



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