

Vino de Montaña

MALBEC

VALLE DE UCO - MENDOZA - ARGENTINA

Stats

Grapes: 100% Malbec

Vineyard: Finca la Garriga (Paraje

Altamira)

Vine Age: 31-years-old

Soil Type: Shallow alluvial soils (40-

70 cm deep) with a high pink

carbonate content

Viticulture: Conventional

Fermentation: Native - small plastic

tanks (30% whole bunch) **Skin Contact**: 27 days

Aging: 12 months in neutral 500 L French and 225 L American oak.

Alcohol: 14% pH: 3.6

Total Acidity: 6 g/L Total SO2: 80 ppm

Total Production: 100 cases **UPC**: 0724751034120

Reviews

James Suckling | 95 points

Magna Montis

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'PARAJE ALTAMIRA'

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About

This Malbec was co-created with Santiago Garriga, a winegrower for Traslapiedra. The fruit is grown in La Consulta, one of the most highly regarded terroirs in Paraje Altamira, on the southern back of the Tunuyán River. Paraje Altamira is comparable to a Grand Cru. It is like a puzzle where sand, silt, clay, and calcareous stones are arranged very differently in each sector of the vineyards between 3280 and 3900 feet above sea level. Whereas Martin's 'Tupungato' Malbec showcases the fresh, fruity side of Malbec by keeping it in only stainless steel, the idea with 'Paraje Altamira' was to showcase alluvial terroir in a delicate, finely textured wine exposed to old oak.

The grapes were hand harvested on the 13th of March in 20 kg cases and then brought back to the cellar for a cold pre-fermentation maceration at 46 degrees F. Spontaneous fermentation followed with 30% whole bunches and the rest de-stemmed at a maximum of 78 degrees F. Frequent punch downs were carried out over the course of 27 days, after which the wine was pressed off the skins and sent to neutral 500 L French and 225 L American oak barrels for 12 months of aging. The wine was gently fined, filtered, and sulfured before bottling.

Tasting Notes

This Malbec runs fine and firm, with graphite, iron, and quiet oak wrapped around a core of red cherry and black plum. Chalky tannins grip just enough. A lift of rosemary lingers on the long, structured finish.

