



2014 Red Blend

As our winemaker Guiseppe Franceschini is fond of saying, “Mendoza is one of the most continental climates in the world, it’s a very extreme place, perfect for extreme wines. When you go to the limit, you are on the edge, and the result can be fabulous.” We couldn’t agree more; the pristine beauty of Mendoza is due largely to the influence of the Andes, with much of the region in the shadow of Mount Aconcagua. Mendoza’s vineyards are planted at some of the highest elevations in the world, with a climate that is semi-arid desert. In Mendoza, most vineyards receive precious water by way of an ancient system of canals fed by meltwater from Andean glaciers.

Vintage Notes

Following on the heels of the cooler 2013 vintage, 2014 was also cooler than average, but the year presented growers with a different set of challenges. A cooler than normal spring led to uneven budding and, therefore, well-formed clusters with fewer grapes. Temperatures dropped below normal in February, March, and April, with periods of intense rain, delaying ripening by as much as two weeks. Slightly longer than normal hang times produced average yields and wines characterized by freshness, spice, floral aromas and vibrant acidity.

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes

The 2014 Blend is dark ruby and nearly opaque in the glass, exhibiting brilliant violet reflexes at the rim. The nose explodes with opulent layers of smoky blueberries, ripe strawberries, vanilla and incense. Powerful yet elegant, this is classic a Mendoza red, exhibiting fabulous purity of fruit at the core, with subtle sweetness delineated by fine tannins and balanced, racy acidity.

-Guiseppe Franceschini, Winemaker

KEY DATA

Varietal Composition: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Mendoza

Harvest Dates: May 2014

Élevage: Aged 16 months in new French Oak, in Mendoza’s oldest wine cave.

Alcohol: 14.4%

pH: 3.7

TA: 4.98

Bottling Date: December 2015

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Cases Produced: 48

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