



2015 Red Wine

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

The growing season in Mendoza is one that is best described as complex. A warm winter followed by a long, cool summer with heavy rain during harvest endows varieties like Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon with lower levels of alcohol and slightly higher than normal levels of acidity. Even in the face of a challenging growing season with careful vineyard management and precise timing of harvest, we fully expect 2015 to surpass 2014—it is a vintage that beautifully accentuates freshness and the elegant, mineral side of our wines.

Winemaker’s Tasting Notes

Deep purple with brilliant violet reflexes at the rim, the 2015 Red Wine blend is one in which the interplay of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc compliment each other perfectly. Malbec’s characteristic violet and plum aromas gracefully intertwine Cabernet’s rich tones of blackberries, dark chocolate, and spice. It’s medium-bodied and fresh, yet opulent too. Juicy black fruit is encased in plush, well-structured tannins, balanced acidity, and a lengthy finish that terminates in earthy minerality and spice.

-Guiseppe Franceschini, Winemaker

KEY DATA

Varietal Composition:

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Mendoza

Harvest Dates: March-April 2015

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

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.62

TA: 5.5 g/l

Bottling Date: August 2015

Release Date: December 2016

Cases Produced: 120

Retail Price: \$75

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