



**91 POINTS**

*Vinous, September 2019*

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*Descorchados, 2019*

**VINTAGE** 2017

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**

3,120 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 13 years

**ALCOHOL** 14%

**CASES IMPORTED** 150

**UPC** 835603003130



CASARENA

## SINGLE VINEYARD NAOKI'S MALBEC 2017

This Single Vineyard wine comes from a newly discovered terroir - an untouched plateau rich with Indian cement that imparts a unique minerality to the usually fruity varietal.

**WINERY BACKGROUND:** Casarena is a true Mendoza destination for adventurers, foodies, and wine lovers. The winery was built in 1937 and sits in the heartland of Mendoza's historic winemaking region, Lujan de Cuyo. The distinctive single vineyard wines make for unique culinary pairings that will elevate any dining experience whether at the winery's world-class restaurant, your favorite local establishment or at your own dining room table.

Winemaker Martina Galeano and Agronomist Pablo Ceverino are two of the best young talents in Argentine wine. The team continues to conduct ongoing intensive soil research on their vineyard sites that are unlike any other terroir found in Lujan de Cuyo. Their dynamic and collaborative teamwork in the vineyard and at the winery is the core behind Casarena's award-winning wines that have such authentic expression of their unique vineyard sites.

The name "Casarena" is a creative merging of the Spanish words "casa" (house) and "arena" (sand), and is a tribute to the sand-colored stone winery and the sandy soil that their estate is built on.

**VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:** Hand-harvested from Naoki's Vineyard in Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo. Cold maceration for 7-10 days; total maceration 45-50 days. Selected yeast and spontaneous malolactic fermentation. Aged in French oak for 12 months.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** On the nose, marked floral profile characteristics of this property, as well as the typical notes of the varietal: plums and fresh red fruit with floral notes and a subtle touch of spices from the local flora. A complex & balanced wine with a mineral texture and long finish. Pair with slow-braised short ribs, bacon-wrapped dates, or spicy cheeses.



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