



BENMARCO

Malbec

The Philosophy

Owner/viticulturist Pedro Marchevsky has degrees in Agriculture & Enology and Agricultural Engineering, and is a Professor of Irrigation and Drainage at the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo. He has managed vineyards for almost 30 years as well as his own vineyard in the district of Los Campamentos in eastern Mendoza. His philosophy is a simple one gained from experience: make wines that are true to their place. His wines express the wonderful, powerful fruit flavors, the ripe tannins, the incredible length and balance that can only come from this one place—Mendoza. He works with his talented winemaker and wife, Susana Balbo, to produce his wines.

The Details

Vintage:	2001
Varietal Composition:	85% Malbec, 10% Syrah, 5% Bonarda
Vineyard Locations: (Department-District)	Lujan de Cuyo-Agrelo, San Carlos-La Consulta, Lujan de Cuyo-Chacras de Coria, Tupungato-Villa Bastias
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,180 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	13 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	11 months in 50% new French, 50% 1-year American barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	13.0%
pH:	3.56
T.A.	5.47
Total Case Production:	1029 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

Beautiful deep purple color with aromas of red fruits and some oak. Lush and penetrating on the palate with black cherry and cocoa flavors. A hint of sweet oak accompanies the soft tannins on the long finish. This wine shows why the Argentine people are in love with the Malbec grape. Pedro included a small amount of Syrah and Bonarda in the wine for greater complexity and to achieve better balance. Pairs well with a wide range of foods including grilled or roasted beef, spiced or grilled pork, veal, rabbit, medium-strong cheeses, or even meat-based pasta sauces.

About the Name/Label

BenMarco means “son of Marcos” in Hebrew. Pedro produces his wines as an homage to his father, Marcos who taught him how to plant, tend, and love the vineyards. The grapevine illustrated on the label is modeled after the wide-trellised vines that Pedro has planted on the borders of his vineyards (instead of unattractive fences).