

89 POINTS

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VINTAGE 2013

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Organic Malbec, 40% Organic Syarh

AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION 3,500 feet

AVG. AGE OF VINES 10 years

ALCOHOL 13.9%

CASES IMPORTED 4,500

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$23

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NATURAL 2013

An 'earth-friendly' biodynamic blend of Malbec and Syrah made with certified organic grapes.

WINERY BACKGROUND: Tikal wines showcase the fusion of nature and art; the estate vineyards are certified biodynamic and organic, creating a holistic farming cycle that best represents the local terroir and quality expression of the grapes. Ernesto Catena's creative, artistic passion is embodied in Tikal's top-rated Malbec blends that showcase the grape's adaptability. Ernesto has a raw, free-spirited approach to winemaking that gives the wines a rebellious complexity and finesse without losing his bohemian charm.

The name Tikal refers to the spiritual Mayan ruins in Guatemala and is also Ernesto's son's name. The original artwork of this passionate dancing couple was created by Ernesto's close friend and artist, Ariel Mlynarzewicz.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS: The vineyard is located in Vista Flores (Tunuyan) and is certified Biodynamic. The grapes are grown organically and hand-harvested and aged 10 months in 80% French, 20% American oak; 10% new, 90% 2nd & 3rd use. Natural is Certified Biodynamic.

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: This is Malbec and Syrah in their most natural expression of untouched grapes shining through and capturing the true essence of the biodynamic vineyard where they were picked. It has a beautiful pomegranate color and aroma of fresh red cherries with light French oak undertones. The palate is fresh and lively with black raspberry and spiced mocha notes. A great companion to barbeque or burgers, and incredibly easy to drink on its own.



