



90 POINTS

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Wine & Spirits,

VINTAGE 2013

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

60% Malbec, 40% Bonarda

AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION

3,280 feet

AVG. AGE OF VINES 75 years

ALCOHOL 13.8%

CASES IMPORTED 12,500

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$23

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PATRIOTA 2013

As #45 on Wine Spectator's 'Top 100 List' in 2015, this 'Patriotic' old-vine Bonarda and Malbec is blended to perfection.

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 grapes are from the Vista Flores vineyard (Tunuyan). They're hand-harvested and aged 12 months in 70% French & 30% American oak (30% new, 70% 2nd & 3rd use).

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Deep reddish purple with aromas of bright berry/cherry fruit. Like swallowing a whole bowl of mixed ripe berries at once. Big body yet very balanced with luscious layers of raspberry, cherry, and cocoa flavors. Just a hint of baking spice at the end brings it all together. A great companion to grilled or smoked meats. Pairs well with beef and pork, and even pizza with meat toppings.



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