

Alejandro Kuschnaroff

WINEMAKER

Alejandro was born into a family of vintners and attributes his love of winemaking to growing up in the vineyards with his father. He knew from a young age that he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become a winemaker. Alejandro studied Enology while getting his degree in Agricultural Engineering in Mendoza. After graduation, Alejandro worked at several US wineries to further his education. He is now the head winemaker at Tikal.



Alejandro believes that good winemaking is a mixture of science and art, understanding terroir in a way that expresses creativity. He focuses on organic production and biodynamics, which gives him respect for the vineyard and the expression of the grapes. He believes that healthier and happier vines are reflected in better quality wines with elegance and drinkability. His wines are consistently awarded and admired, and he received extra recognition when the Tikal Patriota 2013 was named a Top 100 Wine by Wine Spectator in 2014.

Alejandro and Tikal owner, Ernesto Catena, believe in freedom and creativity in every aspect of life, including winemaking. Alejandro spends a lot of time in the Buho, Tikal's experimental winery, testing new, innovative ideas in their small-volume tanks and concrete egg fermenters.

Outside of the winery, Alejandro enjoys playing soccer weekly with friends and playing the electric guitar, which relaxes and inspires him.