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# MENDEL Cabernet Sauvignon

CATEGORY: EXCEPTIONAL CABS



### OVERVIEW

Mendel embodies the union of Roberto de La Mota, one of Argentina's most respected and experienced winemakers, with a century-old Argentinian family to produce award-winning elegant wines from ancient estate vines and diverse soils. Perdriel terroir and precision winemaking make this one of Argentina's best Cabernet Sauvignon.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon Finca de los Andes Perdriel, Luján de Cuyo Mendoza, Argentina 14.5% Alc. by Vol.

#### VINTAGE

RAINFALL: 3.5 inches per year. Dry year.

**BLOOM:** October 2022

**WEATHER:** The late frost that occurred at the end of October and the beginning of November had serious consequences on the production, making the 2023 harvest the lowest in over 20 years. Despite these phenomena, the nobility of the vine allowed us to produce good wines, both white, rosé, and red. The summer, in general, was very dry with high temperatures in December and January, the months of February and March were slightly cooler, and the grapes continued, in general, with a good balance of acidity and sugar accumulation. The wines produced in this vintage are very interesting and intensely fruity. All these characteristics ensure good ageing potential.

**HARVEST:** 1st week of April in 2023

**GRAPES:** Average Brix 24.8



Pack Size: 12/750ml UPC: 835603002157

#### SITE

Located at the highest point of Perdriel and on the right side of the Mendoza river, the area has an enhanced thermal amplitude and creates exceptionally concentrated wines.

**ELEVATION:** 3,445 ft.

**SOILS:** Shallow, silty loam soil lying on boulders.

VINES: 5,500 plants/ha | AVERAGE AGE OF VINES: 32 years

YIELDS: 14,330 lbs/ha

**94 pts** - James Suckling

92 pts - Tim Atkin

**92 pts** - Descorchados



#### **TASTING NOTES**

Notes of cassis, red and black pepper, and spices. Beautiful mineral notes and integrated oak characteristics of vanilla, caramel, and smoke. The mature and soft tannins are round with a fresh acidity. Concentrated, balanced, and full-flavored, it displays both elegance and freshness.

#### **PAIRING SUGGESTIONS**

Pairs well with grilled meats such as chicken, pork and beef. Try with sharp cheeses, wild mushrooms or grilled vegetables.

#### WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**FERMENTATION:** Manual berry selection at the sorting table. Fermentation in small 80-hectoliter tanks; manual pigeage during the first weeks. 25 days total maceration time. Pneumatic pressing at low pressure. Malolactic fermentation in tanks. Soft clarification, no filtering.

**AGING:** Aged 12 months in 100% oak barrels.

**PH:** 3.68 | **TA:** 5.9

**BOTTLING DATE:** August 2023