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## Naoki Single Vineyard Malbec

NAOKI VINEYARD

 **CATEGORY:** Quintessential Malbecs


**Pack Size:** 12/750ml  
**UPC:** 835603003130

## OVERVIEW

This single vineyard wine comes from a newly discovered terroir - an untouched plateau rich with Indian cement that imparts a unique minerality to the usually fruity varietal.

## VINTAGE

**RAINFALL:** 11.5 inches/year**BLOOM:** October 29, 2020

**WEATHER:** Spring 2020 was characterized by being warm and dry. In contrast, summer arrived cool and with abundant rainfall, for which extra shoots and leaf removal were carried out to improve the ventilation and insolation of the clusters. Although it was a notably wet harvest season, the experience and knowledge about each vineyards was essential to obtain high quality fruits and even achieve a 10% increase in yield compared to the historical average.

**HARVEST:** March 8th, 2021**GRAPES:** Average Brix 24.5

## SITE

**ELEVATION:** 3120 ft.**SOILS:** Sand and limestone**VINES:** 6944 plants/ha | **AVERAGE AGE OF VINES:** 15 years**YIELDS:** 8 tons per hectare**100% Malbec****Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina****14% Alc. by Vol.**93 pts - *Vinous*92 pts - *Wine Enthusiast*92 pts - *James Suckling*91 pts - *Wine Advocate*

ARGENTINA

Mendoza Region

Buenos Aires



## TASTING NOTES

On the nose, marked floral profile characteristics of this property, as well as the typical notes of the varietal: plums and fresh red fruit with floral notes and a subtle touch of spices from the local flora. A complex & balanced wine with a mineral texture and long finish.

## PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Pair with slow-braised short ribs, bacon-wrapped dates, or spicy cheeses.

## WINEMAKING &amp; TECHNICAL DATA

**FERMENTATION:** Hand-harvested from the Naoki Vineyard in Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo. Cold maceration for 7-10 days; total maceration 45-50 days. Selected yeast and spontaneous malolactic fermentation.

**AGING:** Aged for 12 months in French oak barrels.**PH:** 3.55 | **TA:** 5.85**BOTTLING DATE:** October 2022