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Unus
 CATEGORY: ICON WINES


**Pack Size:** 6/750ml  
**UPC:** 835603001365

## 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. Blended from the best lots of the 1928 estate vineyards, this iconic small-batch blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot is powerful yet smooth.

## VINTAGE

**RAINFALL:** 82 inches. Low-Normal.

**BLOOM:** October 2020

**WEATHER:** Medium-intensity late frost in the Spring, which led to diverse consequences. The average temperature in October was similar to the previous year and the minimum temperature was lower. These factors could explain the inflorescence damage and the decrease in production. November and December were dry with lower temperatures than the previous year, resulting in well-developed and growing vineyards. There were 3 warm weeks in summer, but then the temperatures dropped, resulting in lower averages for each month, a phenomenon that explains the slow maturity of the grapes, the acidity preservation, and freshness. In February and part of March, there were heavy rains and the weather continued to be cool and dry.

**HARVEST:** 4th week in April 2021 | **GRAPES:** Average Brix 24,5

## SITE

The Drummond vineyard has different characteristics along its 45 acres, located on the highest point of Perdriel and on the right side of the Mendoza river. It has an enhanced thermal amplitude that leads to exceptionally concentrated wines. Altamira is one of the best terroirs in Mendoza, located on the East side of the highest area of Tunuyan river, which has very unique calcareous soils that provide exceptional wines.

**ELEVATION:** 3,400 ft.

**SOILS:** Alluvial, sandy at the top with stone and gravel. Shallow, silty loam soil lying on boulders. Sandy loam soil on massive calcareous blocks.

**VINES:** 5,800 plants/ha | **AVERAGE AGE OF VINES:** 61 years

**YIELDS:** 9,920 - 12,125 lbs/ha

**65% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot**

**Mayor Drummond, Perdriel & Paraje Altamira, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina**

**14.7% Alc. by Vol.**

**94+ PTS - Wine Advocate**

**94 PTS - Tim Atkin**

**93 PTS - James Suckling**  
**#98 TOP 100**

**91 PTS - Wine Enthusiast**



## TASTING NOTES

The aromas of dark cherries, plums and roasted cocoa come leaping out of the glass. This is a big but very suave wine with layers of ripe cherry, berry fruits, white pepper, mint, chocolate, caramel, smoke, and toast. Lots of ripe, soft tannins, this wine will certainly age beautifully for a decade or longer, but the temptation to drink it right away may be too much to resist.

## PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Try with smoked meats and charcuterie.

## WINEMAKING &amp; TECHNICAL DATA

**FERMENTATION:** Manual berry selection at the sorting table. Fermentation in small 50-hl tanks. Manual pigeage during the first weeks. Total maceration time: 25 days. Pneumatic pressing at low pressure. Malolactic fermentation in barriques.

**AGING:** Aged 16 months in 100% new French Taransaud oak.

**PH:** 3,69 | **TA:** 5,84

**BOTTLING DATE:** November 2022