

**92 POINTS** James Suckling, March 2018

## **VINTAGE 2016**

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Malbec

AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION 3,100 feet

AVG. AGE OF VINES 88 years

**ALCOHOL** 14.3%

**CASES IMPORTED 2,200** 

**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$20** 

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## LUNTA

## **MALBEC 2016**

This vineyard faces the Lunlunta Hills and gives a refreshing, approachable style to Malbec.

WINERY BACKGROUND: This old-vine Malbec hails from a restored ancient riverside vineyard overlooking the Lunlunta Hills and highlights fresh, expressive floral and red fruit characteristics. Roberto de la Mota, Argentina's legendary winemaker behind Mendel Wines, makes Lunta in a vibrant style to showcase the terroir of this estate vineyard. He personally revived this forgotten 1928 vineyard, recognizing this unique location's promise to craft a truly dynamic wine.

The wine is named after the region, Lunlunta, which the ancient Huarpe Indians named to represent the sound of stones colliding in the flowing Mendoza River.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS: The Lunta Malbec is hand-harvested in the Mayor Drummond vineyard of Luján de Cuyo. It undergoes malolactic fermentation in barrels. The wine is aged for 12 months in 50% oak barrels and 50% stainless steel.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Intense fruity aromas of raspberry, plum, blackberry and cassis immediately greet you upon first sniff. These explosive fruit notes continue on the palate of this medium-bodied, easy to drink Malbec. Soft tannins give way to a long finish making this wine enjoyable on its own or paired with lamb, spareribs or pork tenderloin.

