



**94 POINTS**

*James Suckling, May 2024*

**VINTAGE 2022**

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**  
3,445 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 28 years

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**CASES IMPORTED** 1,500

**UPC** 835603002157

# MENDEL

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

**Perdriel terroir and precision winemaking make this one of Argentina's best Cabernet Sauvignon.**

**WINERY BACKGROUND:** Roberto de la Mota is an icon and pillar in the Argentina wine world. Considered the proverbial Godfather of Argentine wine who led the movement of the country's world class wine production, he has been immersed in the world of winemaking and viticulture for almost 50 years. He was named the 2024 Winemaking Legend, Medal of Excellence, by Tim Atkin. Growing up under the stewardship of his father, Raúl de la Mota, he is considered one of the most prized winemakers in Argentine history. Legendary French enologist Émile Peynaud encouraged Roberto to go to France to study Agronomy after he received his degree in Agriculture and Winemaking in Argentina. Returning home to Mendoza from France, Roberto's time there, as well as applied techniques with French barrels and varietals like Semillon and Petit Verdot, made him the go-to, heavily sought-after winemaker.

In 2002, Roberto partnered with the Sielecki family to help preserve and make wine from their historic estate in Lujan de Cuyo. Together, they transformed her family's 1928 vineyard into the respected estate it is today, naming it after her father, Mendel. The 100-year-old vineyards are true First Growth wines of Mendoza. While Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon are at the heart of Mendel, Roberto also incorporates Semillon and Petit Verdot cuttings. The Semillon vineyard was planted in 1942 in the Uco Valley. Anabelle Sielecki founded Mendel Wines. Her vision and entrepreneurial spirit have helped grow Mendel to the successful, sophisticated, premium winery it is today. Her niece Tati, is now taking over the business reigns, and making Mendel a world-renowned brand.

**VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:** The vineyards are located in Perdriel (Lujan de Cuyo). The wine is aged 12 months in 100% oak barrels.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Notes of cassis, red and black pepper, and spices. There are beautiful mineral notes and integrated characteristics such as vanilla, caramel, and smoke. The mature and soft tannins are well integrated with the fruit, resulting in a concentrated, balanced, and full-flavored, medium-bodied wine with a pleasant finish. Pairs well with grilled meats such as chicken, beef, and lamb, as well as sharp cheeses, wild mushrooms, or grilled vegetables.



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