



93 POINTS

James Suckling, May 2022

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Wine Advocate,

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Wine Enthusiast,

VINTAGE 2020

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

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

AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION

3,400 feet

AVG. AGE OF VINES 60 years

ALCOHOL 14.7%

CASES IMPORTED 600

UPC 835603001365

MENDEL

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An iconic small-batch blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot planted from the best lots of the 1928 and Perdriel vineyards.

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 Mayor Drummond, Perdriel (Lujan de Cuyo) and Almirante (Uco Valley). The wine was aged for 16 months in 100% new French Tronçais oak.

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: The aromas of dark cherries, plums and roasted cocoa beans ring out of the glass. This is a big but very elegant wine with notes of blackberry, berry fruits, white pepper, mint, chocolate and tobacco. There are loads of ripe, soft tannins, so the temptation to drink it right away may be too much to resist. Try smoked meats and charcuterie.

