



92 POINTS

Tim Atkin, 2023

VINTAGE 2022

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Malbec

AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION

3,100 feet

AVG. AGE OF VINES 95 years

ALCOHOL 14.3%

CASES IMPORTED 2,200

UPC 835603001662

MENDEL

LUNTA MALBEC 2022

This vineyard faces the Lunlunta Hills (Luján de Cuyo) and gives a refreshing, approachable style to Malbec.

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 Lunta Malbec is hand-harvested in the Mayor Drummond vineyard of Luján de Cuyo. Maceration in stainless steel tanks for 15 days.

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.



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