



**93 POINTS**

*James Suckling, February 2022*

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*Vinous,*

**92 POINTS**

*Wine Advocate,*

**90 POINTS**

*Wine Enthusiast,*

**VINTAGE 2020**

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**

3,115 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 91 years

**ALCOHOL** 14.7%

**CASES IMPORTED** 2,000

**SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE** \$25

**UPC** 835603001372

# MENDEL

## MALBEC 2020

**This timeless Malbec aged in Taransaud Burgundy barrels has incredible depth and stature from old estate vines planted in 1928.**

**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 grapes come from the Mayor Drummond vineyard in Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza. The wine is aged 12 months in 100% oak barrels.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** The aromas of sweet vanilla oak and espresso get more complex with every swirl of the glass, unveiling notes of orange peel and violet aromas. The wine is full-bodied, dense and layered with flavors of black raspberry, plum and toasted hazelnut. The wine could be enjoyed now with a nice ribeye steak or leg of lamb. The wine shows incredible balance for such a concentrated wine.



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