

Merlot 2021

BACKGROUND

Situated on a high plateau in the Valle de Uco of Argentina's Mendoza region, the Portillo (meaning "path" or "gateway") winery and vineyards are dedicated to making superb quality wines for everyday enjoyment. Harmony with nature is readily apparent in every aspect of this property, which is designed to deliver wines that capture and respect the pristine beauty of their birthplace. Portillo's state-of-the-art winery is largely built of local materials, including stones quarried from a nearby valley. This enables the facility to better blend in with the surrounding environment. Built on three levels, each 16 feet deep, with much of the facility concealed below ground, Portillo is also notable for its employment of a gravity-flow system. This minimizes handling of grapes and helps protect the integrity of the fruit. The facility's ingenious design, which takes careful advantage of the gentle slopes on which it is built, is thought to be unique in South America.

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Framed by the snow-capped Andes, Portillo's vineyards range in altitude from 3,445 to 5,577 feet. The benefits of this high location are many, including greater thermal fluctuations between day and night temperatures. This leads to longer hang-times for the grapes, resulting in a superior balance between sugars and acidity and thicker skins in the red varieties, which in turn yields greater intensity of color and aroma. This microclimate offers a supremely healthy environment in which to grow grapes.

WINEMAKING & AGING

The grapes are hand-harvested to preserve the optimum freshness of the fruit. After destemming, the grapes are transferred to stainless steel tanks, where cold maceration takes place at a temperature of 45 -50°F. Fermentation lasts for 10 to 15 days.

TASTING NOTES

Deep crimson red Scents of cranberry and blackberry mingle with an intriguing hint of spice The palate bursts with soft cranberry and plum, followed by delicate, silky tannins



ORIGIN

Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Merlot

SIZES

750ml

TECHNICAL DETAILS

ABV: 14%, TA: 5.2, RS: 2.15, Ph: 3.73,
Closure: Screw Cap

WINEMAKER

Carlos Bauza



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