

Chardonnay 2024

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 harvested in the evening, when temperatures go down to 50°F-53°F. After destemming, the berries are transferred to the wine press, where a short cold maceration takes place with dry ice (4 to 6 hours at 50°F).

TASTING NOTES

Pale yellow Subtle scents reminiscent of green apple and pear with mineral notes A refreshing mouthfeel of apple, apricot, and stony minerality



ORIGIN

Valle de Uco, Mendoza, Argentina

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Chardonnay

SIZES

750ml

TECHNICAL DETAILS

ABV: 13%, TA: 5.3, RS: 1.8, Ph: 3.06,
Closure: Screw Cap

WINEMAKER

Carlos Bauza



750ML

