

FAMIGLIA BIANCHI MALBEC 2023

San Rafael, Argentina



TASTING NOTES: This wine has an intense, deep purplish color and aromas that offer a freshness yet mineral notes and fruity intensity. Ripe plums, cherries and some spicy notes characteristic of Malbecs from San Rafael are also displayed on the nose. There are also floral notes such as violets, blended with sweet accents of vanilla and chocolate from its oak aging. Initially sweet on the palate, accompanied by soft, ripe tannins, and balanced acidity. This is a complex wine with the same fruity notes as on the nose. Balanced, yet elegant with a very good finish.

VITICULTURE: Familia Malbec is comprised of grapes from different terroirs. The hand-harvested grapes from San Rafael are from Finca Doña Elisa, located in Rama Caída district; Finca Asti, in Las Paredes district; and Finca Constanza, in the Cuadro Benegas district. These grapes are from micro-terroirs, with a variety of microclimates and alluvial soil compositions. The grapes from Valle de Uco also come from different micro-terroirs – Gualtallary, Los Chacayes, Los Árboles, Altamira and La Consulta vineyards, with alluvial soils, located at about 1,203 – 1,312 yards above sea level. Agrelo is another terroir that lends its distinctive characteristics to this Malbec.

VINIFICATION: Fifteen percent of the wine is aged for 8 months in French oak barrels (85% in stainless-steel tanks). The wine then further ages a minimum of 4 months in the bottle.

FAMILY: One dream. One family legacy. Two terroirs. Since 1928, these three pillars have been the lasting values that have guided Argentina's Bodegas Bianchi for four generations. This family-owned winery is situated in the sub-regions of both the Uco Valley and San Rafael.

San Rafael is one of only two DOCs in Argentina. It's farther south than the Uco, so the climate tends to be a bit warmer, with sandy soils and lower altitudes. However, the east-west orientation of the mountain ranges allows for a funneling of cool air from the Andes resulting in longer hangtime for the grapes. Bodegas Bianchi is a leader in San Rafael, producing wines with excellent structure and complexity.

PRODUCER: Bodegas Bianchi

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

REGION: San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina

GRAPE(S): 100% Malbec

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