



ARGENTINA 2017 | MENDOZA

Bodega Piedra Negra

Alta Colección

Cabernet Sauvignon



> VARIETIES

100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON - a highly reputed red grape variety originally from Bordeaux. Much appreciated around the world for its capacity to adapt to different soils. Grown in the cool areas of Mendoza, it produces rich and elegant wines. It is the third most widely planted grape in Argentina.

> VINTAGE 2017

The year 2017 was marked by a great precocity. A hot and dry year, as we had been waiting for it since 2013. The spring was dry and hot which caused an early budding. The season started early and maintained this advance until the ripening of the grapes. So to preserve the freshness and natural acidity of the grape we decided to harvest early, with relatively low alcohol. The cabernets were all harvested during the first week of April.

Argentina's winegrowing history dates back to the 19th century. It now has just over 200 000 hectares of vines, making it the world's fifth largest wine producer.

Mendoza is the largest wine region, representing almost 70% of the total winegrowing area.

It is divided into several sub regions. The lower part is set at 600 metres whilst the highest culminates at 1600 metres. Our very high quality grapes are grown at altitudes of over 800 metres.

We have vineyards on 2 sites: "Chacayes" in Tumuyan (Vista Flores, south of Mendoza - altitude: 1100m) and Barrancas (plateau to the east of Mendoza set at an altitude of 600m).

TASTING NOTE

Color intense red-ruby

Flavors of red fruits and mint.

Red fruit aromas, menthol and liquorice notes.

> ANALYSIS

ALCOHOLCONTENT	14,1 % vol
PH	3,79
TOTALACIDITY	3,83 g/l H ₂ SO ₄
VOLATILEACIDITY	0,69 g/l H ₂ SO ₄
RESIDUALSUGAR	4,05 g/l

SUGGESTION

Perfect with grilled meats, vegetable ragouts and a wide variety of charcuterie.

18 °C

3 years

> VINEYARD

Terroir : These grapes come from our Finca Alcayata in the Barrancas Maipú region. The grapes ripen slowly on clayey soils. The minerality of which gives this wine the complexity and the harmony of its flavours and aromas.

Density : 3500 vines/ha.

Climate : Continental semi desert characterised by light frost and high level of sunshine - Average annual rainfall of 200 mm essentially concentrated in summer - High temperature range day/night (10 °C at night - 40 °C during the day in summer).

Average age of the vines : 10 years.

Yield : 50 hl/ha.

Location : We select grapes in the highest areas of the cooler plots of Mendoza for the grapes to achieve perfect ripeness.

> WINEMAKING

Harvest : Grapes are generally harvested at the end of March, beginning of April.

Winemaking : After cold maceration for 5 days at 10 °C