



CASARENA

505 Chardonnay

Region

Located just south of Mendoza City, Luján de Cuyo is home to some of the most famous names in Argentine wine and was the first region to be recognised as an appellation in 1993. In the rain shadow of the Andes, viticulture is only made possible here by the Mendoza River bringing meltwater to the desert-like conditions. The high-altitude vineyards exploit an extended growing season (due to diurnal temperature variation) and stressed vines (due to poor, rocky soils) to produce bold, intensely flavoured wines, particularly Malbec.

Producer

Casarena are proud to be both custodians and interpreters of the distinctive terroir of Luján de Cuyo in Mendoza. The winery itself, built in 1937 and sympathetically renovated in 2008, sits in the heart of Perdriel. Single vineyard specialists, they produce a range of varietal and blended wines from four vineyards – Jamilla (which surrounds the winery), Lauren, Owen and Naoki – across Perdriel, Agrelo and Alto Agrelo. The certified sustainable vineyards are a tribute to the diversity of the area. Each enjoys different elevation, sun orientation and soil composition allowing winemakers to create markedly different profiles within a varietal to showcase the unique expression of each vineyard.

Viticulture

Harvested between the last week of February and the first week of March.

Vinification

Grapes are hand-selected in whole bunches to be pressed gently. Fermentation, using selected yeasts, is at low temperatures to preserve and enhance aromatic complexity. No malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Note

The nose has a great aromatic expression of tropical fruit with a stony minerality to the fore. The palate shows good acidity with a rounded, creamy texture, rich fruit character and crisp finish.

Food Matching

Perfect as an aperitif but equally delicious with fish and Asian food.

Technical Information

Country	Argentina
Region	Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
Altitude	900-960 m.a.s.l.
Blend	100% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Agustín Alcoleas
Body	Medium
Oak	Unoaked
Residual Sugar	1.8 g/l
Closure	Screw Cap
Vegan	Yes
Vegetarian	Yes
Organic	No
Biodynamic	No
Sustainable	Yes
Allergens	Sulphites