



## CASARENA

### Estate Malbec

#### 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

Traditional viticulture with manual harvest and de-stemming.

#### Vinification

A cold maceration is carried out in concrete tanks before fermentation with selective yeasts at a controlled temperature of no more than 28-30°C with a skin contact time of 14 to 16 days. Malolactic fermentation takes place in concrete tanks.

#### Tasting Note

Red with violet highlights. The nose exhibits dark plums, black cherry and raspberry aromas with hints of sweet spice; fresh and lively on the palate, there is a core of delicious dark berried fruits, balanced with rounded tannins leading to a smooth and satisfying finish.

#### Food Matching

Perfect with barbecued meats and vegetables or with grilled cheeses such as Halloumi.

#### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	Argentina
<b>Region</b>	Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
<b>Altitude</b>	918 m.a.s.l.
<b>Blend</b>	100% Malbec
<b>Winemaker</b>	Agustín Alcoleas
<b>Body</b>	Full
<b>Oak</b>	3-4 months in used French oak barrels
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	1.8 g/l
<b>Closure</b>	Cork
<b>Vegan</b>	Yes
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Yes
<b>Organic</b>	No
<b>Biodynamic</b>	No
<b>Sustainable</b>	Yes
<b>Allergens</b>	Sulphites