



CASARENA

Naoki - Single Vineyard Malbec

Region

Agrelo, part of the Luján de Cuyo region of Mendoza, sits on the western foothills of the Andes, about 20 miles south of the city of Mendoza. Wide diurnal temperature variation, with intensely sunny days and nights cooled by winds sweeping down from the Andes, combined with meticulous drip-irrigation, produce wines of great complexity and structure. This region is one of Argentina's best for Malbec but also produces great examples of Cabernet and Syrah.

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

Gypsum-rich soil known as Indian Cement. Drip irrigation and VSP training with double Guyot pruning. The harvest was carried out by hand from April 20th to 24th.

Vinification

Clusters and berries are hand-selected for quality. Pre-fermentation cold maceration is followed by fermentation in concrete vats. Manual extraction to preserve the delicate aromas and flavours of the grapes.

Tasting Note

Bright carmine red colour with topaz hues; wonderful varietal expression on the nose with rich red and black fruits and a mineral and herbal component typical of the Naoki vineyard; impeccably smooth on the palate with svelte tannins and a noticeable freshness with a fine spine of acidity here cutting through the rich core of powerful fruit. Expressive and complex.

Food Matching

Chateaubriand, Tomahawk steak, rib of beef, butternut squash, steaks au poivre.

Technical Information

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| Country | Argentina |
| Region | Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza |
| Altitude | 950 m.a.s.l. |
| Blend | 100% Malbec |
| Winemaker | Agustín Alcoleas |
| Body | Full |
| Oak | 12 months in French oak barrels |
| Residual Sugar | 2.0 g/l |
| Closure | Screw Cap |
| Vegan | Yes |
| Vegetarian | Yes |
| Organic | No |
| Biodynamic | No |
| Sustainable | Yes |
| Allergens | Sulphites |