



SALTA PROVINCE – ARGENTINA

MALBEC ESTATE 2008



This Colomé Malbec is produced mainly from pre-phylloxera vines planted in 1854. Bodega Colomé vineyards are bio-dynamically and sustainably farmed at an altitude of 5,500 to 8,500 feet and are believed to be the highest vineyards in the world. The sandy and alluvial soils yield small crops and produce deeply colored and concentrated wines which capture the soul of this distinct terroir.

Our Estate Wines represent the unique character of cooler climate Argentine Malbec, the country's signature red grape. Grown in the northern province of Salta at high elevations, the grapes and wines express bright fruit profiles, while retaining acid and tannin for structure, a combination rare in Argentina. Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat, Syrah and Petit Verdot are blended for complexity, structure, and a rich, supple mouthfeel to produce a truly remarkable wine.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand harvested in 25-pound boxes, delivered to the winery, then hand-sorted twice, once for grape imperfections and then for green material in the must. Fermentation was slow due to the altitude (lower oxygen), and there was extended maceration, totaling 25–30 days. Malolactic fermentation occurred 50% in barrels and 50% in tank.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The color is deep, dark red with a magenta hue. This wine is layered on the nose with violets, black fruits, clove, and white pepper followed by flavors of blackberries, allspice and cassis. It is an elegant and rich wine with mouth coating texture. Subtle French oak and toast flavors are well balanced and fully integrated through the mid-palate and well into the finish, which is long and round. It pairs well with steak, cassoulet, duck, venison and other hearty fare, including strong and sharp cheeses.

Randle Johnson, Director of Winemaking

BLEND 85% Malbec
8% Tannat
3% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Syrah
2% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 14.9%

TOTAL ACID .64 g/100mL

pH 3.83

COOPERAGE 15 months in French Oak,
30% new, 70% second-fill
barrels

ALTITUDE 5,500 - 8,500 feet

VINEYARD Grapes were harvested March-May, 2008. The Estate vineyards are 20% old vines, 60-150 years old, and 80% newer vines, 4-20 years old. Bio-dynamically and sustainably farmed.

