

FINCA DECERO

Remolinos translates as 'little whirlwinds' - these mountain breezes are critical, as they keep the Decero vineyards dry and free from disease after it rains



The Owl & The Dust Devil Icon Blend 2017

Mendoza, Argentina

ESTATE

Finca Decero has become recognized not only for having one of the highest quality vineyards in all of Mendoza, but also for catapulting into an elite group of the most highly regarded producers in Argentina. The wines all come from the single Finca Decero vineyard, and the winery is focused entirely on quality.

WINE

The Owl & The Dust Devil icon Blend represents the wild side of Finca Decero, an exceptionally expressive and intense red blend that has as its core some of the specialties of Finca Decero. Its impact on the palate is matched by its groundbreaking Virtual Reality packaging.

VINEYARD

Soils: Low vigor, coarse and gravel-rich loams.

Farming: Certified sustainable and vegan. Minimal machinery is used – there are no tractors in the vineyards, and all fruit is hand-picked and gravity fed in the winery. Sprays are minimal and at organic levels, irrigation is drip, and all water at the winery is re-used. The winery encourages natural biodiversity, such as lechuza owls which prey on vine pests.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 50% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot, 11% Tannat, 3% Cabernet Franc

Fermentation: 7 days cold soak; 10 days fermentation in small stainless steel tanks at 82-86 degrees Fahrenheit. Finally, the parcels benefitted from 15 days extended maceration.

Aging: 18 months in French oak (40% new)

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

On the lead up to the 2017 vintage, Mendoza experienced a moderate and dry winter with temperatures slightly above average. During the cold, dry spring the earlier budding Malbec vines suffered from an early spring frost, resulting in a decrease in yields. Luckily, the remaining fruit developed with exceptional quality. The later budding varieties, Petit Verdot, Tannat, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, were unaffected. The 2017 shows the nuances of each of these varieties from high quality parcels.

"This red wine is a single vineyard blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Tannat, and Cabernet Franc. The Cabernet gives the wine backbone and structure which is supported by the aromatics and silky profile of the Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Petit Verdot and Tannat provide not only a rich core to the wine but also depth of character and flavor for superb ageing potential."

-WINEMAKER, JUAN MARCÓ