

# 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



## Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

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 Finca Decero Cabernet Sauvignon is defined by its cherry and spice aromatics and with an emphasis on red fruit flavors. The structure is elegant with highly integrated tannins. Aging in French oak gives the wine a decided elegance with finesse on the long finish.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Grown in the gravel-rich soils of the Remolinos vineyard, part of the Agrelo appellation at nearly 3,500 feet in elevation

*Yields:* 3.6 tons/acre

*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:* 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Fermentation:* 25-30 days total maceration: 3-7 days cold soak; 10 days fermentation in small wide stainless steel tanks. 82°F for most aromatic parcels and 86°F for parcels with more concentration to derive more texture; 15-18 days extended maceration.

*Aging:* Gently basket pressed before 90% goes into French oak barrels (30% new) for malolactic fermentation and 14 months maturation.

*Alcohol:* 14.5%

### VINTAGE

Following a spring frost which diminished the overall crop, the summer was warm and dry leading to extremely healthy grapes with excellent phenolic ripeness. The wines of this vintage show very high quality with a richer concentration than previous vintages yet with good balance between body and structure. 2018 will be remembered as a stellar vintage in Argentina's recent history.

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"Fresh, leafy notes to the cassis aromas, but not over the top, with roasted spices and cedar. Fresh and juicy on the palate with fresh, blue-fruit flavors, a spicy-oak kick and linear, full tannin."

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