



ARAUCANA Río de los Ciervos Malbec 2020

“Río de los Ciervos” is a small town located in Tierra del Fuego. In this Patagonian region, you can explore all kinds of landscapes within 300 km, from the sea to the desert, the mountains, and the typical southern rivers. Don Julio Menéndez Prendes, Felipe’s grandfather, was born in this town. Through this wine, we aim to showcase the diversity of the classic Río Negro Valley area. The grapes come from 8 vineyards located along the north and south banks of the river.



ARAUCANA VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

Region Patagonia, Argentina. 8 vineyards located along the Rio Negro: Mainque, Cervantes, Valle Azul, Darwin, Luis Beltran.

Soil type Classic soils of the Upper Valley, of alluvial origin, with a loamy-clayey and loamy-sandy texture.

Plantation type VSP. High trellis system.

Density 5.500 plants/ha.

Average production (kg/hectare) 6.000 kgs/ha

Age All vineyards are over 40 years old.

HARVEST SUMMARY

The vintage of 2020 in Rio Negro was challenging for the production of wines due to various weather-related factors.

The year started with a relatively mild winter followed by a cool and wet spring. This led to delayed bud break and hindered vine growth, causing a shorter vegetative cycle for the vines. Additionally, there were periods of rainfall during the harvest season. Fortunately, the constant winds of Patagonia, blowing thru our vineyards in Ribera del Cuarzo, ensured health for our vines and grapes.

The 2020 vintage was baptized as “The Challenge”. But despite the challenges faced in 2020, the region’s cool climate and unique terroir offered great potential for producing outstanding wines, and each vintage proves us right with its own set of unique characteristics and experiences.

WINE INFORMATION

Blend 97% Malbec, 3% Merlot

Harvest type Manual in 13 kg boxes

Age of barrels 40% new - 30% second use - 30% third use

Aging 70% French oak (8 months) - 30% concrete pools

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Producer’s name Bodega Ribera del Cuarzo

Viticultor Felipe José Menéndez

WineMaker & Agronomist Ernesto Bajda

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol 14%

PH 3,55%

Residual sugar 1,8g/l

Acidity T:6

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