



## ARAUCANA Río de los Ciervos Malbec 2021

“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.



### 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** 6.000 kg/ha

**Age** Araucana Vineyard is 22 years old.

### HARVEST SUMMARY

In 2021, the Ribera del Cuarzo region experienced overall favorable weather conditions, allowing for the production of high-quality grapes and wines with excellent potential.

The lower-than-average temperatures played a crucial role in the 2021 vintage, helping to preserve the acidity in the grapes and allowing for the gradual accumulation of flavors and aromas. This led to a balanced and harmonious expression in the resulting wines.

We call 2021, “The Confirmation” vintage, as it was the year we confirmed that Valle Azul was that special place: with unique soil characteristics, cool climate and with a sustainable and abundant water source.

### 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** 14,5%

**PH** 3,5%

**Residual sugar** 0,6g/l

**Acidity** T:5,71

## RIBERA DEL CUARZO

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