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POLÍGONOS OF THE UCO VALLEY IS A SELECTION THAT EXPRESSES THE PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS OF DIFFERENT TERROIRS WITHIN THE VALLEY. THESE ARE WINES FROM A SELECTION OF VINEYARDS THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE DIFFERENCES IN ALTITUDE, SOIL AND CLIMATE THAT CURRENTLY CHARACTERIZE THE SUBREGIONS OF SAN PABLO, PARAJE ALTAMIRA AND TUPUNGATO.

ZUCCARDI POLÍGONOS *Tupungato Semillón 2021*

WINE DATA:

GRAPE COMPOSITION: 100% Semillón

APPELLATION: El Peral, Tupungato, Valle de Uco, Mendoza

HARVEST: It was a great vintage. With a cool and humid climate, the clusters had the necessary time to reach maturity with a perfect balance of sugar and acidity. Our meticulous work separating plots and types of soil for harvesting (which has been going on for more than a decade) allowed us to harvest every corner of our vineyards at the perfect time, thus showing the great diversity that characterizes the Uco Valley.

VINIFICATION: Direct pressing. Fermentation with native yeasts. Both fermentation and aging were carried out in barrels of 132 gallon French oak, unroasted. No malolactic fermentation.

ALTITUDE: 3,930 ft / 1,200 mt above sea level

SOIL TYPE: Alluvial soils of the distal zone of the Las Tunas River fan and with contribution from the Lomas del Peral. Heterogenous. Depth between 3 and 5 feet with layers of small gravel with occasional calcerous coverage.

ALCOHOL: 13% | TOTAL ACIDITY: 7.2 g/l | pH: 3.16



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– WINEMAKER SEBASTIÁN ZUCCARDI



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CHARDONNAY 2021

VINEYARD

- Appellation: Valle de Uco
- Gualtallary, Chacayes

GROWING SEASON

The 2021 season has been one of the best in the last 10 years. Snowfall during the winter was much higher than the previous year. Although we are still in a context of water crisis, the availability of water was enough to supply the vineyards properly. The cool summer and the intermittent episodes of rain made the plants vegetate in good conditions and maturity occurred slowly. Areas with rocky soils and good drainage achieved very good concentration and complexity.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvest at night with shears
- Harvest date: February 23 to March 04

WINEMAKING

- Manual bunch selection
- Fermentation in French oak barrels.
- 50% spontaneous malolactic fermentation.
- Aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 19% new
- Bottled unfiltered, January 2022
- Varietal composition: 100% Chardonnay

TASTING NOTES

Bright pale yellow color. Aromas of pear, green apple, apricot and notes of white chocolate. On the palate it presents balanced acidity, good minerality and texture. Full-bodied with a long finish.





EL ENEMIGO



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Alejandro Vigil &
Adrianna Catena
Winemaker: Alejandro Vigil
Estate founded: 2007
Region: Mendoza
Country: Argentina

El Enemigo Bonarda 2020

WINE DESCRIPTION

This Bonarda is a tribute to old Bonardas of the Eastern Mendoza, a wine made in a traditional Mendoza style.

TASTING NOTES

This Bonarda shows a deep violet color with bluish reflections. The nose is intense and complex. Intense aromas of ripe black fruit, blackberries, raspberries, black cherries, chocolate and liquor, with some spicy notes of fresh herbs provided by the Cabernet Franc appear. The taste has a sweet impact with silky tannins and aromas of ripe black and red fruits with notes of licorice and vanilla. Its natural acidity is refreshing. By its concentration and complexity the finish is long and persistent.

FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy this wine alongside roast lamb, empanadas, and light pastas dishes.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	The El Mirador, Rivadavia, and Gualtallary vineyards
Soil composition:	Calcareous, Rocky, and Sand
Training method:	Guyot
Elevation:	2,145-4,851 feet
Vines/acre:	2,200
Exposure:	Northwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1950
Harvest time:	March

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	85% Bonarda and 15% Malbec
Fermentation container:	Barrels
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	15 days
Fermentation temperature:	82 °F
Length of maceration:	25 days
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Age of aging container:	70%/ 30% New
Type of oak:	French/American
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months

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 2019

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

The 2019 vintage was a second consecutive stellar vintage in Mendoza. It was characterized by a slightly cooler spring than usual with a welcome light rainfall levels followed by a warm, dry summer with lower than average rainfall leading to optimal health and maturation conditions at the Remolinos Vineyard. The wines of this vintage show excellent concentration of flavour, color and aromas.

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"A pretty well-poised cabernet sauvignon, showing olives, charcoal and blackberries. Medium body with juicy and fresh-toned, firm tannins that linger with the dark-berry fruit."

- JAMES SUCKLING, 6/2022

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THIRD GENERATION WINEMAKER SEBASTIAN ZUCCARDI BRINGS A NEW DETERMINATION TO EXPLORE ARGENTINA'S MANY MICROCLIMATES AND SOILS. IN 2000, ZUCCARDI STARTED MAKING WINES FROM GRAPES GROWN IN THE HIGH ALTITUDE UCO VALLEY VINEYARDS. THE INTENSITY OF FLAVOR THAT COMES FROM THE VINEYARDS IN EXTREME CONDITIONS IS EXPRESSED IN THE ZUCCARDI ICON SERIES.



ZUCCARDI CONCRETO 2021

Concreto is a very important wine in my life. Starting to do it was a key step in our path, to free ourselves from the bonds and to deepen our confidence in the place we cultivate. In "Concreto" we seek to undress the wine, enhancing its expression of the place and showing the texture of the calcareous soils of Paraje Altamira bare. For this, we select only the most stony and calcareous parcels of the vineyard; and we vinify with the whole cluster as it was done in the past. Fermentation and aging are done completely in concrete vats without epoxy, seeking to avoid the influence of aromas and flavors that do not come from the vineyard, and to amplify the texture of the wine that transmits the energy of Paraje Altamira.

WINE DATA

GRAPE COMPOSITION: 100% Malbec

APPELLATION: Paraje Altamira, San Carlos, Valle de Uco, Mendoza.

VINIFICATION: Fermentation in concrete vats without epoxy, with whole cluster and native yeasts, maceration for 20 days. Malolactic fermentation and aging in concrete vats. The 2017 harvest, despite being low in yields, produced grapes with a perfect health and quality in each region. Thanks to the climatic conditions, that were similar to a typical year of Mendoza, the wines produced had a very good balance.

ALTITUDE: 3,608 feet above sea level.

SOIL TYPE: Top soil, very rocky from 20 cm - 0,65 feet depth, with large deposits of calcareous material.

ALCOHOL: 14% vol. | TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.7 g/l | RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.8 g/l

TASTING NOTES:

COLOR: Red color with violet hues.

AROMA: It expresses a great herbal character with notes of red fruits.

FLAVOR: In the mouth is long and with a distinctive mineral texture. A wine of great structure and acidity.

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VIÑA COBOS

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VINCULUM

MALBEC 2018

HARVEST

Hand-harvest
March 15 to March 22, 2018

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Malbec

APPELLATION

Valle de Uco
& Luján de Cuyo

VINEYARD

Vineyards in Valle de Uco and Luján de Cuyo. Altitude between 2,306- and 3,927-feet elevation. Semi-desert climate.

GROWING SEASON

The 2018 vintage was characterized by excellent climactic conditions throughout the growing season. Temperatures within the historical averages, minimal rainfall, and a larger thermal amplitude compared to previous years resulted in a characteristic growing season for Mendoza. The excellent health conditions of the vineyard allowed for a harvest of high-quality fruit with good color and concentration. The harvest began on February 16th with Chardonnay de Los Árboles, Tunuyán and ended on April 20th with Cabernet Sauvignon de El Peral, Tupungato.

AGING & BOTTLING

Aged for 18 months in new French oak (37%) in combination with second use oak (63%). Bottled in November 2019. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Inky violet color. On the nose, it is expressive, flowery and fresh, with cherries and vanilla hints. This wine has subtle tannins. It's elegant, refined, delicate and energetic.



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Clos de los Siete



BRAND STORY

C7 is the ultimate red blend, crafted by world renowned Master Blender, Michel Rolland. Michel and six friends founded Clos de los Siete, *vineyard of the seven*, at the foot of the Andes Mountains in the Uco Valley. Intrigued by its unique combination of high altitude, well-drained soils, optimal aspect and dry climate, Michel was certain this land would be ideal for growing a variety of Bordeaux grapes, particularly Malbec. Today we celebrate 20 years of Michel planting his first vines in the Uco Valley and 15 years of 90+ scores.

APPELLATION

Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

SOURCING

Clos de los Siete

- Monteviejo Vineyard
- DiamAndes Vineyard
- Cuvelier los Andes Vineyard
- Bodega Rolland

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

50% Malbec, 24% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 7% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

Only the best grapes are manually harvested and sorted twice by hand from each of the four individual wineries that make up the C7 estate. Each individual winery utilizes all gravity transport without pumping. Grapes go through cold pre-fermentation maceration and are then matured for 11 months in 70% French oak and 30% in vat, with no fining nor filtration. Blends are created at each winery independently before ultimately being blended together. Every year, Michel Rolland tastes the individual blends and chooses the best components that will then be used for the ultimate C7 blend.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage was characterized by dry weather conditions and temperatures that were generally cooler than average. The spring was dry with little impact from wind and an October cold streak, and the summer followed with moderate temperatures, but with an intense 15-day heatwave. To combat these extreme conditions, Clos de los Siete strives to encourage deep root systems, through careful working of the soil and irrigation management. In March and April, the weather remained hot and dry with substantial changes between day and night-time temperatures, favoring the development of polyphenols in the grapes. The quality obtained was excellent for all grape varieties, although the "stars" of the vintage were undoubtedly Malbec and Cabernet Franc.

TASTING NOTES

Bright purplish-red color, presenting with intense, seductive aromas, with lots of freshness and light spicy notes. A good concentration of tannins as well as a pleasant acidity, giving the blend a fine structure. The palate is elegant and silky, with notes of red fruit and a hint of minerality. A very expressive wine with excellent potential for cellaring.

TECH DATA

Alc – 14.8%