



EXCELLENT ARGENTINE WINE VALUES

BODEGA LURTON

UCO VALLEY, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

After working in partnership with Botega Catena Zapata since 1992, the Lurtons purchased the Chacayes Vineyard in 1996 to establish their own Argentine estate. The previously-unplanted desert terrain in the Uco Valley offered poor, well-drained soils with perfect pH for viticulture; nearby mountains provide cool nighttime temperatures, allowing grapes to ripen slowly and reach optimal maturity. With 135 planted hectares, yields are naturally very low and of extremely high quality, well evidenced in the wines themselves.

The Lurtons added a second estate, Finca Barrancas in Maipu, with 65 vineyard hectares. With chalky-clay soils, Barrancas Vineyard is quite fertile and the vines are robust. High-density planting (4500 vines/ha) and short pruning ensure low yields; no chemical herbicides are used at the estate.

PINOT GRIS RESERVA

Jacques & François Lurton pioneered Pinot Gris plantings in Argentina where the varietal yields extremely fruity, juicy and mineral wines. Grapes are night-harvested, hand-sorted and destemmed; must is clarified with cold settling, and then racked and fermented in stainless steel; wines are aged a month on lees with weekly stirring (battonage) to increase body and richness.

MALBEC RESERVA

Originally from southwest France, Malbec has quickly become Argentina's star grape. This Reserva is a blend of Malbec from the poor, well-drained, stony Chacayes Vineyard at the foot of the Andes (1100m above sea level), and the clay and alluvial Barrancas Vineyard in Maipú, near the Mendoza River.

Lurton's intense, ruby-red Malbec Reserva offers a complex nose of red berries, clove and black pepper with delicate hints of chocolate and coffee; structured and complex; pleasing tannins bring sweetness while a long finish combines spice with toasted notes and Malbec's characteristic red berry fruit. Ideal with grilled meats, ragouts, homemade pasta with robust sauces, and mild or mature cheeses.

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