



KAIKEN TERROIR SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

VINEYARDS

Our Kaiken Terroir Series Cabernet Sauvignon is made with grapes from our vineyard in Los Chacayes, at 1,350 meters (4,430 ft) above sea level.

HARVEST REPORT

The average temperatures in January and February were 1-2°C (2-4°F) above the historical average. Veraison started at the expected time, but lasted longer than usual. Precipitation was much lower than normal, which resulted in grapes in excellent health, with no risk of developing cryptogamic diseases. The red grapes' ripening processes started 10 days earlier than usual, because of the smaller crop in the vineyards and the warmer summer. Harvest started on February 3 - with the Pinot Noir used as the base for our sparkling wines - 20 days earlier than the previous year. The white wines show exceptional quality, thanks to the grapes' wonderful health.

What stands out this year is that the grape skins were much thicker than in previous years, so the first red wines devatted show great color and aroma concentration, especially fruity aromas. In short, the 2017 harvest produced a "balanced" crop in terms of polyphenolic ripeness and sugar, with just the right acidity. So, the wines have great aging potential.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-harvested and transported in 17-kilo (37-pound) trays to prevent the berries from being damaged and to preserve the quality of the fruit, which was then manually selected once in the winery. Fermentation was carried out in small tanks, which set the perfect conditions to preserve the attributes and characteristics that the vineyard imprints on the grapes. Fermentation and maceration extended for a month. Then, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels - one third of the wine went into new barrels and the rest, into second and third use barrels. This helps highlight and enhance the fruity character of the wine. Aging in barrels extended for 12 months and the wine was slightly filtered with cartridges before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Our Kaiken Terroir Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot reveals the best of each variety in this elegant blend. With an intense red color with ruby tones, the wine displays on the nose aromas of fresh red fruits, interspersed with spices, chocolate and coffee aromas, resulting from blending the varieties and their aging in French oak barrels. The unmistakable power of Petit Verdot appears on the palate, which gives the blend a great persistence, firm tannins and a good permanence on the palate. The finish offers fruit aromas once again, accompanying a smooth and elegant texture.

SERVICE

Serve at 15°-17°C (59°-63°F). Keep in a fresh, dry place at below 15°C (59°F), sheltered from light.

Winemaking Team: Rogelio Rabino & Gustavo Hörmann.

Consulting Winemakers: Aurelio Montes Sr. & Aurelio Montes Jr.

Appellation: Los Chacayes, Valle de Uco, Mendoza

Varietal Composition: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec and 5% Petit Verdot

Clone Selection: Mass selection

Vineyard Yield: 8 ton/ha (3 ton/acre)

Pre-fermentation maceration: 5 days at 10°C (50°F)

Alcoholic fermentation: 7 days at 27°C (81°F)

Post-fermentation maceration: 15 to 20 days

BASIC ANALYSIS

Alcohol: _____ 14%
Total acidity (H₂SO₄): _____ 3.9 g/l
Azúcar residual: _____ 2.9 g/l
pH: _____ 3.6
Free SO₂: _____ 32 ppm
