

B O D E G A
CUARTO DOMINIO
Family Wines Since 1902

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My family has grown vines in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Mendoza for over four generations. We believe that in order to truly express our terroirs in a wine, we must first get to know our vineyards and to understand our soils. My father and I believe there is no recipe for it but we have been taught that there are at least three ingredients: passion, patience and time (generations).

Cuarto Dominio is the expression of 2 very small and different lots in the San Carlos vineyard, at 900 meters over sea level. The difference between these two parcels basically comes from the soil composition. Lot A with only 2 hectares is 70% sand, 15% lime and 15% clay while Lot B with a tiny dimension of 1.4 hectares is 90% sand and 10% lime with a big percentage of surface stones.

Winemaking

The grapes are hand harvested at the perfect time determined by our experience producing malbecs. The wines go through a cold pre fermentary maceration to preserve primary aromas, then a series of delestages and pumpovers during fermentation for a more balanced extraction. The juice is fermented for about 15 days at low temperatures and it is followed by a post fermentation maceration. The wines spend around 24 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

While Lot A lends ripe plum and chocolate flavors, a very soft and supple mouthfeel with excellent structure and length, Lot B offers more blackberry fruit with a slightly earthy mineral tone and notes of spicy black pepper, exceptional concentration and explosive floral aromatics.

Technical Notes

Varietal: 90% Malbec – 5% Cabernet Franc -5% Petit verdot
Alcohol: 13.9%
Total Acidity: 5.3
PH: 3.56

