

FINCA CANAL UCO 2021

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FINCA | SINGLE VINEYARD WINES

The Tunuyán River irrigates most of the vineyards in Mendoza, and the Canal Uco is the first canal that draws water from it. It connects to the river on its right bank, a few kilometers from where the river departs from the Andes. It has been the vital pulse of irrigation in the southern part of the Uco Valley for decades. The first lands historically irrigated by its waters were those of the northern part of Paraje Altamira.

On those lands, once cultivated with apple trees, we planted our first vineyard in this village.

This was the vineyard where we discovered Paraje Altamira, and it was the beginning of a journey of knowledge and learning, in which we transformed instinct into experience.

Interpreting the identity of Paraje Altamira through wine involves understanding its temperate climate and its stony and calcareous soils.

This "Finca" wine comes from a selection of different sectors of the vineyard planted with Malbec, where the stones appear at 80 centimeters below the sand and silt soil, and reflect the identity of the area with transparency.

Sebastián Zuccardi





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ORIGIN

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THE PLACE

This was the first vineyard planted by the Zuccardi family in the Uco Valley and represents a significant milestone in the search for the identity of Paraje Altamira. Its alluvial soils with gravel covered with calcareous material, were irrigated for decades with the waters of the Uco Canal, the first of the canals that takes water from the Tunuyán River. In this landscape, malbec plants coexist with enormous stones, poplar groves, and the majestic backdrop of the Andes Mountains.

HARVEST

2021 was a great harvest. With cool weather, and slightly above average rainfall during the season, the grape clusters had the necessary time to reach maturity with a perfect balance of sugar and acidity, and a strong tannin structure. Our meticulous work of separating plots and soil types for harvesting (which has been ongoing for over a decade) allowed us to harvest every corner of our vineyards at the perfect moment and thus showcase the great diversity that characterizes the Uco Valley.

VINIFICATION

Manual harvest with bunch selection. Filling of vessels by gravity. Fermentation in concrete vessels with native yeasts.

Aged in concrete vessels.

COMPOSITION

VARIETAL: 100% Malbec ALCOHOL: 14,5% vol.

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5,66 g/l

PH: 3,68

Sebastián Zuccardi, Winemaking Director Laura Principiano, Head Winemaker