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# Blend de Selección

## 2 MALBEC

*Varietal Composition:* 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

*Vintage:* 2013

*Harvest:* Handpicked the first and second week of April.

*Origin / Vineyard Location:* Uco Valley (Vista Flores – Tunuyán and La Consulta – San Carlos). Consists of specially chosen plots with different characteristics and altitudes between 1,000 and 1,100 meters above sea level.

*Vegetative Cycle:* The 2012/13 season had a dry Winter without any large climactic events which is rather characteristic of a semi-desertic region without oceanic influence. The spring was characterized by ample daily temperature variations and warmer days. At the time of blooming the conditions were excellent and the buds were able to successfully complete their cycle. In both vineyards, the varietal showed great equilibrium, intensity, and elegance. The fruit displayed mature and profound tanins.

*Production:* Between 6 and 10 ton per hectare

*Maceration:* 2 to 3 days of cold maceration, between 15 and 22 days of total maceration depending on the vineyard.

*Alcoholic Fermentation:* Alcoholic fermentation with select yeasts, in small epoxied concrete tanks.

*Malolactic Fermentation:* With indigenous bacterias

*Ageing:* 12 months in oak barrels with 70% of the volume in French oak (second and third use) and the remaining 30% in American oak (second and third use).

*Tasting Notes:* Truly a designer wine that is produces in very limited quantities. It is a “blend of terroir” of Malbec grapes that authentically expresses the viticultural practice of blending. The grapes come from an older vineyard in La Consulta, San Carlos, and a younger vineyard in Vista Flores, Tunuyán which each have different altitudes. They offer differentiating characteristics between each terroir. The older vineyard gives the wine structure and concentration, with light violet notes, as well as red and black berries. The younger vineyard adds aromas of raspberries and blackberries with light mineral and pepper notes. The resulting wine is a blend of exceptional characteristics with complementary synergy between the two terroirs. It is very elegant, fresh, and has juicy, structured tannins as well as balanced acidity and fruity and floral notes. The after taste is fruity and a complex fusion of long-lasting finishes.

