



Mini Ediciones Petit Verdot 2012

Remolinos Vineyard, Agrelo, Mendoza, Argentina

ESTATE

Finca Decero has become recognized not only for having one of the highest quality vineyards in all of Mendoza, but also for catapulting into an elite group of the most highly regarded producers in Argentina. The wines all come from the single Finca Decero vineyard, and the winery's focus is entirely quality focused.

WINE

As the name suggests, Mini Ediciones are highly limited parcels of wine. From lesser known varieties, these wines, consistently paired for its juicy, rich full-bodied character, are wholly expressive of the Remolinos Vineyard and represent an opportunity to taste a variety rarely seen in a pure form.

VINEYARD

Soils: Low vigor, coarse soils over gravel.

Yields: 3 tons/acre.

Farming: Certified sustainable and vegan. Minimal machinery is used – there are no tractors in the vineyards, and all fruit is hand-picked and gravity fed in the winery. Sprays are minimal and at organic levels, irrigation is drip, and all water at the winery is re-used. The winery encourages natural biodiversity, such as lechuza owls which prey on vine pests.

Grape Varieties: 100% Petit Verdot.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: 30 days total maceration: 7 days cold soak; 10 days fermentation in small wide stainless steel tanks at 82°F to extract both the jasmine aromas and the textural concentration. 18 days extended maceration.

Aging: Gently basket pressed before going into French oak (50% new) for malolactic fermentation and 16 months maturation.

VINTAGE

Climate: 2012 was an excellent vintage in Agrelo, again marked by low yields, mostly due to the influence of Zonda wind during flowering time in November. The average temperature were slightly higher in the summer but lower in April which enabled the winery to pick the Petit Verdot at the optimal sugar and flavor ripeness.

WINE ADVOCATE

"Decero produce some of the best Petit Verdot in Argentina, and they are capable of convincing the skeptics with examples like the 2012 Remolinos Vineyard Mini Ediciones Petit Verdot that does not show the aggressiveness often associated with the grape. There is perfect ripeness here, no excess and no charred or toasted sensations either from the grape or the élevage (which is always pristine at this address). Polished tannins, very good balance and a sleek palate, the house signature is also applied to this finicky Bordeaux grape."

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