

FINCA DECERO

Remolinos translates as 'little whirlwinds' - these mountain breezes are critical, as they keep the Decero vineyards dry and free from disease after it rains



The Owl & The Dust Devil Malbec 2018

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 is focused entirely on quality.

WINE

The Owl & The Dust Devil represents the wild side of Finca Decero. This wine is a single varietal Malbec which exhibits richness of fruit in the mid palate whilst maintaining an overall elegance in style which is the hallmark of its origin, the high altitude Remolinos Vineyard. Similar to the Icon blend, this wine also features groundbreaking Virtual Reality packaging.

VINEYARD

Soils: The vines are planted on diversely-textured, sandy, clay, silty loams.

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. Nurtured by hand, the vines are leaf plucked on the east facing canopy and clusters are thinned to one cluster per shoot.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Malbec

Fermentation: 7 days cold soak; 10 days fermentation in small stainless steel tanks at 82-86 degrees Fahrenheit. Finally, the parcels benefitted from 18 days extended maceration.

Aging: 14 months in French oak (30% new)

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

Following a spring frost which diminished the overall crop, the summer was warm and dry leading to an extremely healthy grapes with excellent phenolic ripeness. The wines of this vintage show extremely high quality with a richer concentration than previous vintages yet with good balance between body and structure. 2018 will be remembered as a stellar vintage in Argentina's recent history .

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"Plums, flowers and hints of vanilla bean on the nose. It's medium-bodied with medium firm tannins and a juicy finish." - JS, 2/2021