



THE OWL & THE DUST DEVIL *from* FINCA DECERO

2018 THE OWL & THE DUST DEVIL ICON BLEND

This red wine is a single vineyard blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Tannat. Cabernet Sauvignon gives the wine backbone and structure which is supported by the aromatics and silky profile of the Malbec. Petit Verdot and Tannat provide not only a rich core to the wine but also depth of character and flavor for superb ageing potential.

VINTAGE 2018

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.

REMOLINOS VINEYARD, AGRELO, MENDOZA

The grapes are sourced exclusively from the western part of Finca Decero's Remolinos Vineyard at 1050m/3500ft in the Agrelo sub-appellation of Mendoza. The vines are planted on low vigour, coarse and gravel-rich loams. Nurtured by hand, the vines are leaf plucked on the east facing canopy and clusters are thinned to one cluster per shoot. The grapes were handpicked from March 21st – April 9th 2018.

WINEMAKING

The grapes underwent Finca Decero's 4-step selection process to selection berry by berry before being gravity fed into small fermentation tanks. 7 days of cold soak was followed by 10 days of fermentation in small stainless steel tanks at 25-26°C for more aromatic parcels and 28-29°C for parcels with more concentration and structure. Finally, the parcels benefited from 15 days of maceration post fermentation before being transferred to mature in small French oak barrels (40% new oak) for 18 months. Only after this stage, the final selection of parcels and the optimal composition of the wine were decided. The wine was then bottled in entirety in one single session to safeguard the consistency from bottle to bottle.

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.58

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.47G/L

COMPOSITION OF THE BLEND: 54% MALBEC, 21% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 16% PETIT VERDOT, 9% TANNAT.

