

Finca Sopenia `Synthesis` The Blend 2018



Region

The biggest and most important of Argentina's wine regions, Mendoza includes a wide variety of altitudes and micro-climates to allow a huge range of wine styles. The main vineyard area is at the base of the Andes in the valley of the Mendoza River, with vineyards ranging from 500-1500 metres above sea level. Many early winemakers were of Italian origin and brought with them their native Barbera, Bonarda and Sangiovese. However, it is Malbec, originally from Bordeaux and the southwest of France, that has established the most successful presence in Mendoza.

Producer

The Pioneer estate winery is based in Gualtallary one of the highest districts in the Uco Valley, Mendoza at around 1200m above sea level. It was founded by Roberto Luka in 1997, naming it after his partner's daughter Sophia and his daughter Eugenia. The sheer height means the vineyards experience abundant sun during the day and much cooler nights. This, combined with sandy and stony soils, ensures a long growing season for ripe fruit and a refreshing acidity for expressive and elegant wines that stand out. They are certified sustainable and have now been confirmed organic which will mean wines from 2023 onwards are certified.

Tasting Notes

This blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is an intense ruby colour with notes of blackberry and cocoa on the nose. The palate is full bodied and concentrated; notes of black fruits, tobacco, pepper and chocolate combine with vanilla and toast from 14 months ageing in new French oak barrels. Silky tannins add to the velvety mouthfeel which finishes long and voluptuous in the mouth.

Food

Decant twenty minutes before serving. Perfect with rosemary crusted lamb or spicy pork.

Technical Information

Country	Argentina
Region	Mendoza
Grape(s)	Malbec (70%) Cabernet Sauvignon (20%) Merlot (10%)
Type	Red
Style	Spicy
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Full bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	14.5%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	No
Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes



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