

ARGENTINA



## 2013 DECERO MINI EDICIONES PETIT VERDOT

*Finca Decero, once a bare patch of soil in the Argentine foothills of the Andes, is now our one-of-a-kind vineyard, where each vine is nurtured by hand and our winemaking is without compromise. As Decero means 'from scratch', we are fortunate to be free from constraints of tradition, and we have developed an 'amano' or 'by hand' approach that is human, sustainable and sensitive to natural differences. We try to tread lightly in an environment that we have come to know intimately, almost inch by inch. Only in this way can the unique natural attributes of the Remolinos Vineyard, and of Agrelo, shine through in our single vineyard wines, handcrafted from scratch.*

## 2013 VINTAGE

2013 was cooler than other recent vintages, with cool temperatures throughout the summer and fall, plummeting particularly at night time. As such we decided to pick our grapes in Remolinos Vineyard between 5-7 days later than the average year in order to achieve full phenolic ripeness. These cool conditions also lead to more pronounced acidity and aromatics balancing the seductive tannins.

## REMOLINOS VINEYARD, AGRELO

Located at 3500 feet, in the renowned Mendoza appellation of Agrelo, our one-of-a-kind Remolinos Vineyard takes its name from 'remolinos' – whirlwinds which keep the grapes dry and in perfect condition before being handpicked each vintage.

Soils	Low vigor soils.
Clone	Petit Verdot 400 (Origin: Bordeaux, France).
Yield	2.7 tons per acre.
Canopy	Intense leaf plucking of east facing canopy; Cluster thinning to 1-2 clusters per shoot.
Harvest Date	Handpicked April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2013.
Selection Steps	Cluster selection when picking & a second sorting within the small boxes.

## WINEMAKING

2 Sorting Tables	Cluster selection pre-destemmer; berry selection post-destemmer.
Handling	Gravity fed.
Maceration	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.
Maturation	Gently basket pressed before going into French oak barrels for MLF and 16 months maturation in French oak barrels (50% new).

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Petit Verdot is one of our three 'rare varieties & limited edition' wines. Of this vintage only 9912 bottles of Petit Verdot were made. The wine is abundant in wild blueberry flavors with a hint of quince on the finish. Deeply flavored and balanced with structural tannins this wine has great potential for extensive cellaring.

14.5% Alc.      pH 3.73      Acidity 5.51 g/l

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