

THE OWL & THE DUST DEVIL

2015 The Owl & The Dust Devil, from Finca Decero

This red wine is a single vineyard blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Tannat. The Cabernet 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.

2015 Vintage

The 2015 vintage was characterized by a warm spring and early summer which brought forward harvesting by 10-15 days. There were frequent summer rains and the final crop of the vineyard was small in quantity but of high quality. These early picked grapes gave us higher acidity than usual and slightly lower concentration, making the 2015 vintage wine slightly more elegant than its predecessor. Due to the strong quality of the Cabernet from this vintage, this blend leans slightly in its favor as the marginally predominant variety in the 2015 wine.

Finca Decero, Remolinos Vineyard, Agrelo, Mendoza, Argentina

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 vigor, 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 into small boxes from March 20th – April 10th 2015.

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 on November 29th 2016, in one single session to safeguard the consistency from bottle to bottle.

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.7

Total acidity: 5.58g/l

Composition of the Blend: 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Malbec, 19% Petit Verdot, 10% Tannat

