

ARGENTINA



## 2015 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.*

## 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.

## 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 vigour soils.
Clone	Petit Verdot 400 (Origin: Bordeaux, France).
Yield	2.8 tons per acre.
Canopy	Intense leaf plucking of east facing canopy; Cluster thinning to 1-2 clusters per shoot.
Harvest Date	Handpicked March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2015.
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 2015 vintage only 8182 bottles were made. The wine has great aromatic intensity, displaying wild blueberry combined with quince notes and spices. Very well balanced, with deep flavours and structured tannins, it has superb ageing potential.

14.5% Alc.      pH 3.51      Acidity 5.55 g/l

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