

VINTAGE
2016

WINE PROFILE

FINCA ALTAMIRA

Altamira vineyard was planted in 1950 at the foothill of the Andes just below the Tunuyán River, Altamira is mountain with extreme weather. The growing conditions are so challenging and the soil profile so unique, that the tipicity or this Malbec goes beyond its normal descriptors. Orange peel and balsamic flavors combine harmoniously the violets and red fruit notes typical from Malbec. Mineral notes and sharp acidity give this wine a character of its own.



Achával-Ferrer™ has one single passion: to craft world-class, terroir-driven red wines from Argentina. Achával-Ferrer produces the most critically acclaimed Malbecs from Mendoza, sourced from single vineyards with low-yielding, old ungrafted vines.

TECHSHEET

WINEMAKER
Gustavo Rearte

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
100% Malbec

APPELLATION
Altamira (Uco Valley) at 1.100 meters or 3.500 feet of elevation.

SOIL
Alluvial Origin. It has a shallow (30 cm) surface of limestone combined with volcanic ashes. Below, one finds layers of eroded rocks (boulders) rich in volcanic sediments.

VINE TRAINING
VSP, 1.3 to 1.5 meters high.

SUSTAINABLY FARMED
Sustainable.

VINEYARD YIELD
2,500 Kgs per hectare (1 ton per acre).

HARVEST DATE
April 16, 2016

ALCOHOL 14,5%

PH 3,7

ACIDITY 6,18 g/L

BRIX AT HARVEST 24,8

VINIFICATION/WINEMAKING PROCESS

FERMENTATION
Fermented in cement tanks at a maximum temperature up to 93-95°F with extensive pumping over for better extraction. Aerated pump-overs with soft sprinkling of the cap, followed by pressing at the end of and up to 4 days after fermentation as determined by daily tasting results. No filtering. Cold soaks, acid correction, bleed-offs and addition of enzymes werenot used during vinification.

MALOLACTIC
100% spontaneous in oak barrels.

OAK AND AGING
15 months in new (100%) French Oak Barrels.

SCORES & AWARDS

Tim Atkin WINE

97 PTS

"This is one of the southern hemisphere's greatest reds, sourced from five blocks within Achával Ferrer's 10-hectare parcel in Paraje Altamira. Fresh, nuanced, balanced and intensely chalky, it has notes of thyme, sage and tangerine, a lift of balsamic complexity, sappy, savoury and subtle perfumed oak. 2023-35."

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

97 PTS

"Superbly fragrant and floral with ethereal red flowers and red plums, as well as cherries and an alluring, spicy edge. The palate has a very composed, coolly refined and plush feel with succulent red plums, cherries and spicy, earthy notes cast on long, fine, lacy and very plush tannins. Drink or hold."

vinous

94+ PTS

"Saturated medium ruby. Pungent if slightly reduced aromas of red and black fruits, salty minerality, spices and herbs. Suave, fine-grained and wonderfully detailed, with its savory flavors of black raspberry, mocha and spices showing terrific peppery lift. A distinctly mineral, saline Malbec with a serious whiplash of flavor on the smoothly tannic back end. If this wine is still youthfully closed and in need of oxygen, it also shows more punch than the more liqueur-like 2015 version. Lay it down."

Descor ChadOS

95 PTS

