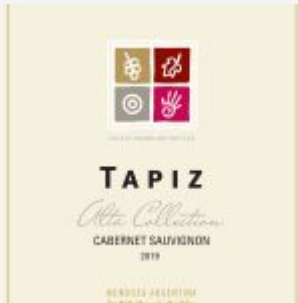


Tapiz Alta Cabernet Sauvignon Argentina 2019

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2019

GRAPE Cabernet Sauvignon/
Blend

GEOGRAPHY Not Europe

COUNTRY Argentina

LARGER REGION Cuyo

SMALLER REGION Mendoza

Rationale

Malbec, not Cabernet Sauvignon, is the Bordelais red grape one thinks of when discussing the Argentinean wine scene. That said, discounting Cabernet would be a mistake in a part of the world where they increasingly are getting well deserved attention. Like Malbec, which acquires its own personality depending on latitude and altitude, Argentine Cabernet Sauvignon is equally stunning, with its own traits, depending on whether it is grown at high altitudes or in warmer valleys.

In Chile, Cabernet Sauvignon, tempered by the cool breezes of the Pacific, has notes of green pepper, menthol and eucalyptus. Whereas, in Argentina, where it grows under the influence of a warm continental climate of high insolation, it shows spiciness and juiciness, with hints of ripe black fruit, and sensations of smoke and dark chocolate. When they are done well, the wines can be deeply aromatic and sensual, almost Napa-esque, as opposed to the firmer styles of Bordeaux or Coonawarra.

Tapiz Winery, located in the San Pablo I.G. in Mendoza's Uco Valley, has one of the highest vineyards in Mendoza at 4,600 feet altitude. Under the ownership and vision of Patricia Ortiz, Tapiz is a pioneer in the region and her highly rated wine are made by the celebrated winemaking team of Fabian Valenzuela and famed Bordeaux winemaker Jean Claude Berrouet (winemaker of Petrus for 44 vintages). Their wines are a beautiful tapiz (tapestry) of terroir and innovation.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright

CLARITY Clear

COLOR DEPTH Deep

COLOR Ruby

RIM VARIATION Ruby
Stained Tears: Low

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

ACID Med+

ALCOHOL High

TANNIN Med+

TEXTURE Round / Smooth

FINISH Long

COMPLEXITY Med+

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Currant • Cherry / Red Tomato • Red Plum *Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*

BLACK FRUIT Black Cherry • Black Currant / Cassis • Black Plum • Blackberry
Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied

FLORAL Lavender • Violet *Condition: Fresh*

GREEN VEGETABLE Dark Leafy Greens • Arugula

OTHER VEGETABLE Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Cola Nut

HERBAL Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Rosemary • Tobacco Leaf • Oregano • Laurel / Bay Leaf

OTHER SPICES Licorice (Black) • Chinese Five Spice • Green Peppercorn

ORGANIC EARTH Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

OAK INFLUENCE Caramel / Toffee • Cacao / Chocolate • Coffee / Bean • Vanilla

OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Almond / Marzipan • Walnut