

## Retrato Por Jean Claude Bordeaux Blend Mendoza Argentina 2017

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2017

**GRAPE** Cabernet Sauvignon/  
Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Not Europe

**COUNTRY** Argentina

**LARGER REGION** Cuyo

**SMALLER REGION** Mendoza

**SUB REGION** Uco Valley

### Rationale

While Malbec may be the knee-jerk red wine associated with Argentina's Mendoza region, it should not diminish the importance and quality of the region's Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet in Mendoza can be sublime when it ripens well (not always the case with the cool weather of the high desert). Argentinian Cabernet is Argentina's Cabernet is cultivated widely, with the best coming from Mendoza's Luján de Cuyo in and around the Agrelo, Barrancas, and Las Compuetas areas where full ripening is not the challenge that it can be elsewhere. Here, they can show a wonderful depth of flavor with lots of blackberries, cherry, pepper, vanilla, and a little bit of mint.

Corte literally means "cut" in Spanish, and it refers to the process of taking parts of batches of wines or cuts and mixing them together. You can kind of imagine this as like film editing, where scenes are literally cut out and then pasted together in the order the director feels best tells the story. They can be combinations of Malbec-Tempranillo, Malbec-Bonarda, and more. But undeniably, the successful are Malbec with Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Sauvignon with Malbec, depending on which variety is predominant.

This wine is made under an exclusive partnership with Mendoza's Bodega Tapiz and Jean Claude Berrouet, former winemakers of the esteemed Chateau Petrus in Bordeaux. Berrouet, renowned for his forty-four vintages with Chateau Petrus, has spent a decade with Tapiz harnessing the potential of the winery's estate in the Uco Valley's San Pablo subdistrict.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Opaque

**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** High

### Aroma & Taste

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

**BLUE FRUIT** Blueberry *Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Raspberry • Black Currant / Cassis *Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*

**FLORAL** Lavender • Rose • Violet *Condition: Fresh*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Dark Leafy Greens

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

**HERBAL** Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Mint / Eucalyptus • Tobacco Leaf

**OTHER SPICES** Chinese Five Spice • Green Peppercorn • Paprika / Pimenton

**ORGANIC EARTH** Truffle / Mushrooms

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Cedar / Cigar Box • Cacao / Chocolate • Coffee / Bean • Vanilla

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Hazelnut • Walnut