

Colomé

DESDE 1831

SALTA PROVINCE - ARGENTINA



RESERVA 2005

Colomé Reserva is produced from our oldest Malbec vines, 60-150 year-old pre-phyloxera vines and are farmed bio-dynamically. Bodega Colomé vineyards are at an altitude of 5,500 to 8,500 feet and are believed to be the highest vineyards in the world. The sandy and alluvial soils yield small crops and produce deeply colored and concentrated wines which capture the soul of this distinct terroir.

Our Estate Wines represent the unique character of cooler climate Argentine Malbec, the country's traditional red grape. Grown in the northern province of Salta at high elevations, the grapes and wines express intense fruit profiles, while retaining acid and tannin for structure, a combination rare in Argentina. Cabernet Sauvignon is blended for complexity and structure, which adds to the rich and supple mouthfeel, producing a truly remarkable wine.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand harvested and triple sorted, once in the field, then once for grape imperfections and then for green material in the must before fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Wine yeast strains were added after 48 hours of cold maceration. The pump over regime was twice a day and maceration time was about 25 - 30 days. The press wine fraction was kept separate. The wine completed malo-lactic fermentation in barrels.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Black, deep intense color with nose of ripe black fruit, blackberries and black pepper followed by flavors of loganberry, cinnamon and black currants. It is very full bodied with round tannins and finesse. Structured and elegant, it is a wine that is powerful yet refined. Best paired with osso bucco, lamb, strong cheeses, roasted walnuts, and other hearty fare.

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| Blend | 80% Malbec 20% Cabernet Sauvignon |
| Alcohol | 14.9% |
| Acidity | .46 g/100mL |
| Altitude | 5,500 - 8,500 feet |
| Cooperage | 18 months in French oak, 100% new |
| Vineyard | April 8-16, 2005. The vineyards are 100% old vines and 100% bio-dynamically farmed. |

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