

ADELANTE

2019 OLD VINE MALBEC

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| REGION: | La Consulta, Valle de Uco, Mendoza. |
| VINEYARD: | 73-year-old, self-rooted vines in alluvial sand and clay soils. |
| ELEVATION: | 3,000 feet. |
| YIELD: | 2.5 tons per acre/42 hectoliters per hectare. |

This ADELANTE® Malbec originates from our vineyard, Don Eugenio, in La Consulta, Valle de Uco, one of Mendoza's coolest grape growing regions.

→ THE 2019 GROWING SEASON

After the hail we experienced in 2018, the grapes were smaller as is typical resulting in lower yields. Well-spaced rains along with temperate weather, a bit on the cooler side set the stage for a firmer structured wine. Due to these factors, our ripening curve was ahead of most vineyards making for a much earlier harvest date. Harvest was calm without major heat spikes, resulting in higher than normal acid and concentration levels.

→ THE STYLE

With our usual earlier pick date, the 2019 retained freshness and acidity, allowing the spice, as well as a bit of Cahors earthiness to show itself. Our goal is to express the vintage and to achieve elemental balance within all the components. Thereby showing the complexity within Malbec to match a wide range of foods from meat dishes to pastas, and Mediterranean fare.

→ THE WINEMAKING

The winemaker, Ray Kaufman, employed a cold soak of three days, native yeast fermentation, followed by natural malolactic fermentation; no SO₂ was added until the malolactic fermentation was complete. After ML fermentation, the wine was pressed and put into 20% new and 80% old French oak.

→ THE WINE: Intense, Fresh, Lively Malbec

The 2019 Adelante Malbec is bold. The blue (blueberry) fruit is accented with minerality, earth, & spice. The wine has ample acid, structure, and body to give length to the finish that will develop in the glass and over time.

→ WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

Santiago Achával - Founding partner-winemaker of Achával-Ferrer & Matervini, Mendoza: *"Another favorite winemaker is Ray Kaufman (Adelante). He taught me the simplicity of allowing nature to express itself."*

Larry Stone: *"Patrick Campbell and Ray Kaufman have every reason to be proud of their legacy".* [Ray made wine at Laurel Glen Vineyard for 23 vintages]

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