

ADELANTÉ

2020 Old Vine Malbec

REGION: La Consulta, Valley de Uco, Mendoza
VINEYARD: Seventy-four-year-old self-rooted vines, alluvial sand, clay soils, at 3,000 ft
YIELD: 2.5 tons per acre/42 hectoliter per hectare

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

THE 2020 GROWING SEASON

2020 was one of the earliest and warmest on record. The root systems of our old vines are deeper, and better able to handle heat stress. Typical dry weather with higher temperatures delivered intensely flavored grapes, with low yields due to a spring frost.

The warm weather with an early pick resulted in higher-than-normal acid, brix, and concentration levels. This was especially true in prime districts of the Uco Valley, such as La Consulta.

THE STYLE

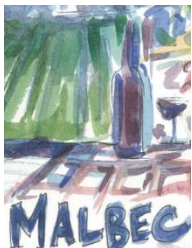
As usual we were one of the first to pick in La Consulta. We do this to make a wine that retains freshness and acidity, allowing the spice in **Malbec** to express itself. Our goal is to achieve balance among all the elements along with richness to match with a wide range of foods: from meat to Mediterranean foods.

THE WINEMAKING

We employed a cold soak of three days, native yeast fermentation. The wine was pressed with natural malolactic fermentation completed in the tank. No SO2 was added until the malolactic fermentation was completed. Then 25% was aged in new French oak, 25% in old French oak, with the rest in tank to preserve freshness.

THE WINE: EXPRESSIVE MALBEC

Malbec is known for its dark color and concentrated character. The 2020 Adelante Malbec expresses fullness balanced with freshness. The blue (blueberry) fruit is accented with a fresh boysenberry flavor which melds into a classical expression of fruit along with hints of the spice element in **Malbec**. The wine has ample structure, and body to give length to the finish.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

Santiago Achával-Ferrer - *Founding partner-winemaker of Achával-Ferrer & Matervini*
“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 was at Laurel Glen Vineyard for 23 vintages

Kevin Mac (French Laundry & former head Sommelier Per Se, N.Y.) *Tasting comments: Caught off guard. Refined (for a Malbec) Long finish, a sign of quality. This wine is great. (For a wine in its price range)*