

ADELANTE

2017 CUVÉE D.E. MALBEC

Committed to making a wine worthy of the struggle and success of Eugenio Gioacchini's life

- REGION:** La Consulta, Valle de Uco, Mendoza, one of the cooler grape growing regions.
- VINEYARD:** Don Eugenio. Seventy three year old self rooted vines, alluvial sand and clay soils, at 3,000 ft.
- YIELD:** 2.5 tons per acre/42 hectoliter per hectare.

What is more important - People or nature?

Cuvée D.E. pays homage to Don Eugenio Gioacchini, an Italian immigrant who first planted the vineyard that we purchased from his family. It represents the positive interaction of man with nature. We want our wine to be an expression of this piece of land and its history.

Cuvée D.E. Malbec grapes come from the middle area of our vineyard. Over the years, this area tends to ripen earlier with lower yields. The wine reflects this section.

Picking, Fermentation & Aging

As usual, we were one of the first to pick in La Consulta. By picking earlier than the norm, our goal is developed fruit that allows the spice in Malbec to express itself, achieving freshness and balance along with richness.

We employed a cold soak of three days, had a native yeast fermentation, pressed in 12 days, natural malolactic fermentation followed, with no SO² added until after malolactic fermentation was completed.

Fermented and aged in a French Taransaud cask plus neutral oak.

THE FLAVORS - *The blue (blueberry), black (blackberry) fruit is accented with spice, for a classical expression of pure Malbec. The oak component gives additional complexity to the natural spice element found in cooler climate Malbec.*

THE STYLE - *It is a balanced elegant Malbec. The tannins are fine grained melding with the wines flavors and acid. The finish is concentrated without heaviness followed by a long fresh finish.*

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:



Santiago Achával-Ferrer - *Founding partner-winemaker of Achával-Ferrer, 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 was at Laurel Glen Vineyard for 23 vintages)*

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