

Don Martino Malbec Vina Violeta Old Vine

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Argentina

REGION: Mendoza

APPELLATION: Agrelo

CEPAGE: 100% Malbec

WINEMAKING: Classic fermentation with prolonged maceration between 82-86 degrees Fahrenheit. Unfined and unfiltered.

AGING: 12 months in French oak

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 4000 cases

THE STORY

The 18.5 acre estate vineyard is situated at 3850 feet above sea level in Agrelo, a sub-district within the Luján de Cuyo appellation of Mendoza. The ungrafted Malbec vines were planted in 1926. Stylistically, Fincas Don Martino stands solidly in the old-school camp, with savory aromatics (cigar bands, polished leather, coffee) balancing floral lift.

BIOGRAPHY: Consultant winemaker is Attilio Pagli, a Tuscan winemaking legend who now spends a great deal of time in Mendoza consulting and exploring the full extent of old-vine Malbec's expression.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Slight spice

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Red fruit

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 90pts Wine Spectator

