

Harvest report 2015

UCO VALLEY, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

The season 2014 - 2015 began with a mild winter. There were no extreme temperatures and snowfalls in the mountain were insufficient to achieve record levels of water reserves.

Spring 2014 was wetter than the historical average decreasing the amount of late frosts compared with the previous season. However, it was observed that a particular phenomenon in southern Uco Valley where the last frost was recorded on December 1st. Fortunately none of these events was of great magnitude. All these features of the spring helped to achieve a higher curdling of the bunches.

As for temperatures, in general, we can say that it was a warm season. Average temperatures recorded between October and April are the same or slightly higher than the average of the past 10 years mainly due to the moisture content of the atmosphere.

The most important aspect of the season was the registered rainfall, 299 mm in the Uco Valley compared with the historical average of 219 mm.

This has been a season that showed the strength and fortitude of the best *terroirs*. The highest areas with better-drained soils and drier microclimates have demonstrated a better performance against the humidity levels and rainfall.

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THE HARVEST IN EACH VINEYARD

❖ Finca Piedra Infinita - Paraje Altamira

The harvest began on March 12nd with Tempranillo and continued with lots of Malbec separated by soil types. The *supercalcareos* soils prevailing in this vineyard were harvested between March 20th and 26th. Bonarda was harvested in the soils with higher content of silt and clay between April 12nd and 5th, the date of end of vintage from this vineyard. The Malbec of this vineyard showed exceptional quality.



❖ Finca Canal Uco – Paraje Altamira

The harvest began on March 12nd with Ancellotta. Malbec was harvested beginning on March 18th and the following 12 days of in different harvest dates between soil types in the same lot. The Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested between April 15th and 9th ending with a new vintage of Malbec on April 20th.

❖ Finca Los Membrillos – La Consulta

This vineyard planted with Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested between April 9th and 13rd.

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❖ Finca Vista Flores - Vista Flores

This vineyard started the vintage in Uco Valley with Chardonnay on February 2nd following the varieties Syrah and Ancellotta, both with outstanding quality. Malbec from deep and sandy soils in this area ripened slowly and was harvested from April 10th to 17th.

THE WINES

The varieties were expressed differently in each region, micro-region, vineyard and soil type. We were able to interpret the behavior of each variety in its distinct terroirs where the balance of sugar, acidity and phenolic maturity came at different times. The "early" harvests stood out maintaining freshness and expression of each place.

In conclusion, the wines from this harvest have a wide range of aromas dominating fresh aromas, acidity and an important tannic structure that provides high quality and wines with long finishes.