

Kaiken Clásico,
Mendoza Malbec 2021
Mendoza, Argentina



PRODUCER

Kaikenes are wild geese, native to Patagonia, that fly across the Andes between Chile and Argentina. In the same way, Montes, the Chilean winery, crossed the Andes to set up in Mendoza. Their vineyards are situated in the heart of Mendoza and further to the south in Valle de Uco, where many of the premium producers are now sourcing their fruit. The focus is primarily on Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon, a variety that has been somewhat forgotten as Malbec has surfed one wave of success after another in the past decade. As a result, there are many old vineyards in Mendoza that produce excellent fruit. Kaiken's own vineyards supply 70% of their production requirements and 30% is from vineyards that they control.

VINEYARDS

The grapes come from vineyards in the Agrelo zone, 40 kilometres south from the city of Mendoza and at an altitude of 950 metres above sea level. These vineyards feature soils composed of silt, clay and sand with stones at two metres derived from erosion from the Andes Mountains. The region's climate is warmer than that of the Uco Valley, which allows Kaiken to obtain grapes with more fresh fruit aromas and flavours as well as very ripe, soft tannins.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage experienced generally warm and humid conditions, with grapes undergoing a slower maturation compared to previous years. Grapes also had lower levels of alcohol in comparison with the preceding vintages, with the resulting red wines nevertheless showing excellent structure, concentration and freshness.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested and transported in 300-kilogram batches, and once in the winery, individual berries were carefully selected. The juice was fermented in small tanks, followed by alcoholic fermentation and maceration lasting around 20 days. Forty percent of the wine was aged for six months in French oak barrels, after which it was blended, resulting in a fruit-forward wine with soft, silky tannins.

TASTING NOTES

This Malbec is deep purple in colour. On the nose, pronounced plum and blackberry aromas are complemented by notes of chocolate and tobacco. The palate is very fresh with soft and ripe tannins.

Grape Varieties	100% Malbec
Winemaker	Gustavo Hormann
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	2.52g/L
Acidity	5.46g/L
Wine pH	3.68
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan