



Grape Varieties	100% Marselan
Winemaker	Germán Bruzzone and Alberto Antonini
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	3g/L
Acidity	5.8g/L
Wine pH	3.65
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Bodega Garzón is a family-owned winery in Maldonado on the Atlantic coast in southern Uruguay. They pioneered viticulture in this area over 10 years ago, and have since become the standard bearer for premium wines from Uruguay. In November 2018, their pioneering status was recognised by Wine Enthusiast with the 'New World Winery of the Year' award. The vineyards at Bodega Garzón are a patchwork quilt of 1,150 individual plots of around 0.2 hectares in size, each plot carefully chosen for a specific variety according to its soil and microclimate. The winery is specially designed to operate as sustainably as possible, and is the first winery outside North America to pursue LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Built on natural terraces, the winery uses cutting-edge technology and operates using a gravity system to ensure quality and energy efficiency at every stage of production.

VINEYARDS

Located 11 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, the estate has more than 1,000 small vineyard blocks covering hillside slopes, which benefit from varying microclimates, different levels of humidity and an intense canopy management. Well-draining granitic soils and cooling Atlantic breezes allow the grapes to ripen steadily. The vineyards are surrounded by lush forests, palm trees, rocky soils and granite boulders.

VINTAGE

Once again, the 2021 vintage showed the true potential of the terroir, obtaining high quality wines in a year in which the weather conditions were very diverse. Winter 2020 presented low temperatures that allowed an even budding throughout the vineyard. Spring was extremely dry, so it required the use of drip irrigation to maintain proper foliage development. There was a good vegetative development, optimal flowering with a good number of clusters, properly ripened and large sized. The beginning of summer offered excellent conditions, the veraison of the grapes coincided with days of great thermal amplitudes, thus resulting in grapes with very good levels of colour and health. Towards the end of February and during March, the rainfall was persistent and frequent.

VINIFICATION

The hand harvested grapes were macerated for five days before fermentation in large 150 hectolitre cement tanks at 26-28°C for one week with twice daily pump overs. The wine was then aged on lees for 6-12 months in a combination of stainless-steel tanks, second-use 225 litre oak barrels and 25 hectolitre casks. The oak used was a mixture of untoasted and lightly-toasted wood.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep ruby red in colour, with powerful aromas of red fruits, eucalyptus and minerality notes on the nose. On the palate it is soft and smooth with ripe red fruits and a long mineral finish.

AWARDS

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