

Bodega Colomé 'Lote Especial',
'La Brava' Malbec 2023
Salta, Argentina



Grape Varieties	100% Malbec
Winemaker	Thibaut Delmotte
Closure	Diam
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	1.8g/L
Acidity	5.14g/L
Wine pH	3.8
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Bodega Colomé was established in 1831 and is the oldest working winery in Argentina with one of the world's highest vineyards. The winery is in the far north of Argentina in the Upper Calchaquí Valley and is thought to have been founded by the Spanish Governor of Salta, Nicolás Severo de Isasmendi y Echalar. Today, the winery has 140 hectares of sustainably run vineyard planted at altitudes of between 1,700 and 3,111 metres above sea level. The 'Lote Especial' wines are made from 'special parcels' of fruit from the estate vineyards.

VINEYARDS

The 11 hectare La Brava vineyard is located at 1,700 metres above sea level and is planted with Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat, Bonarda and Torrontés. The Malbec vines are over 20 years old. Soils are sandy and rocky, producing wines with delicate red fruits and soft tannins.

VINTAGE

Calchaquí Valley enjoyed excellent conditions in 2023, having avoided the frost that affected large areas of Argentina. The total rainfall was usual, 160 mm, with a very good crop in terms of both quantity and quality. The growing season was unhindered by disease development. During maturation, the work on the canopy allowed for a good circulation of air in the vineyard, which helped prevent botrytis from developing. At the same time there were many cloudy days which gave the fruit freshness and avoided sunburn.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were carefully hand harvested, followed by an optical selection process on arrival at the winery. Following a four-day cold maceration, fermentation took place in stainless-steel tanks with indigenous yeasts at 24 degrees, with twice daily pump-overs. The must remained in tank for an extended period of maceration for 30 days before ageing in 225-litre French oak barrels, 25% of which were new, for 12 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple in colour. Aromas of ripe red fruits with underlying floral and spice notes. On the palate, this wine is powerful yet refined, with round tannins, great freshness and an intense, lingering finish.