

Bodega Colomé 'Lote Especial',
'La Brava' Malbec 2024
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 experienced a warmer winter in 2024 which impacted bud break and yield size. Further challenges came with late February rains and early fruit maturation, which caused the year's harvest to be a month earlier than usual. The first Malbec grapes were harvested in February. Careful vineyard management and quick reaction ensured that the most was made of the smaller yield.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were carefully hand harvested and underwent optical selection in the winery. Following a cool maceration over 4 days, fermentation took place in stainless steel vats with indigenous yeasts at 24 degrees, with twice daily, gentle pump-overs. There was then an extended period of maceration of 30 days before ageing in 225-litre French oak barrels, of which 25% were new, for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Bright red in colour. This Malbec has aromas of mature red and black cherries and plums. On the palate, it is powerful and complex with a fresh and layered finish.