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MAAL BIUTIFUL / MAAL WINES / 2017 / MENDOZA / ARGENTINA

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PRODUCER

Up high along the eastern edge of the Andes Mountains, is Vista Flores a tiny appellation within the Uco Valley's Mendoza region, where winemaker Alfredo Merlo and grower Matias Fraga make MAAL wines, which simply stands for "Malbec As Alfredo Likes". It's all about Malbec for these guys, produced in varying styles and grown 900-1350m above sea level. With the majority of their fruit coming from Vista Flores, they also source small parcels from top appellations such as Las Compuertas, in Luján de Cuyo, and Campo Los Andes, in Uco Valley.

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VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

Fruit is sourced from the Altamira and San Carlos sites, both with an altitude of 1250m. The soil characteristics are mostly stony and sandy soils, with calcareous clay in small areas. The age of the vineyards are approximately 25 years old with a vine trellis system of vertical shoot positioning and plant density of 5000 plants per hectare. All fruit is hand harvested and taken to the winery for four days of pre-fermentation cold soak maceration. Wild ferment then occurs at 22-25°C, with a 25 day maceration. Full malolactic fermentation in tank. This wine is unoaked, favouring a fruit forward style.

TASTING NOTE

Intense blackcurrant and dark fruit with moccha. Concentrated fresh dark fruits and incredibly smooth, well integrated tannins.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	MATIAS FRAGA & ALFREDO MERLO
VARIETIES	MALBEC
APPELLATION	MENDOZA
FORMAT	0.750L
CLOSURE	NATURAL CORK
ALCOHOL	14.5%
SUGAR	3.2 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	5.36 G/L
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	90 MG/L
CASE SIZE	12

