

Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Terroir

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| Category | Red |
| Grapes | 100% Uco Valley |
| Producer | Altos Las Hormigas |
| Country | Argentina |
| Region | Valle de Uco |
| Size | 750 ml |
| Degree of alcohol | 14,8 % |
| Serving temperature | 15-17 °C |
| Available | British Columbia, Alberta |

Terroir

100% Uco Valley. Grapes are harvested by hand from a blend of high density vineyards located in the sub region of Vista Flores as well as two areas in Tupungato. These are gravelly, alluvial soils with abundant stones, but with limited active limestone presence. Yield: 9 ton/ha.

Vinification and maturation

Grapes from different vineyards are vinified separately before the final blend. The grapes are selected from a double selection table and are gently pressed before the cold maceration process begins in small stainless steel tanks for 5 days at 10°C. The alcoholic fermentation begins with indigenous yeasts at 28-30°C for 12 days, preferring a long maceration. Three rack-and-returns take place during this time, together with three pump-overs each day, for the best extraction. One third of this Malbec is aged in third use oak barrels for 12 months and two thirds is unoaked and is aged in cement piletas.

Features

This profuse red, violet hued wine is meant to reflect the expression of Malbec under the cooler climate of Uco Valley. Its bouquet opens with cheerful red berries such as red currant or Bing cherry, which you find again on the palate, combined with a hint of fennel and subtle smoky notes. With friendly, supple tannins and a balanced structure between crisp and plentiful fruit, it is for us an example of juiciness. Dainty spices on the finish make it pleasing to drink alone or a perfect pair for a casual meal. Open half an hour before pouring.

Food Pairings

This wine is great with leaner red meats such as bison or ostrich. It pairs well with strong flavours like blue cheese and earthy flavours like mushrooms and cumin spice.

Product codes

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