

## Chardonnay, Domaine Bousquet

Mendoza, Argentina



<b>Product code</b>	JB02ZZWC
<b>Grapes</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Country</b>	ARGENTINA
<b>ABV%</b>	13.0%
<b>Case Size</b>	6
<b>Closure Style</b>	Cork
<b>Producer</b>	Domaine Bousquet
<b>Vintage</b>	2021



Organic

DOMAINE  
**BOUSQUET**  
*Naturally Organic Wines™*

## Producer

Back in 1990 when Frenchman, Jean Bousquet, arrived on holiday in Argentina, there wasn't a vine in sight in the Gualtallary Valley in Mendoza, as it was deemed to be too cold for viticulture. Nor was there any water above ground, electricity or roads but in Bousquet's mind, with the region's sunshine hours and cool nights, he had found the ideal terroir in which to produce high quality wines from organically grown grapes. Today, the vineyards cover 240 hectares, primarily on shallow alluvial soils of sand over limestone. Rainfall is very low but with abundant water from the Andes, a drip irrigation system ensures the vines get just enough. Harvest takes place by hand and after destemming, the grapes are fermented in stainless steel and cement tanks with the Premium Varietal range being also aged in tank and the Reserve and Gran Bousquet ranges in French oak barrels.

## Tasting Notes

Rich fresh tropical fruit aromas with citrus and floral notes lead to a concentrated apple, pear and lime with a slight tone of sweet spice. The finish is clean and fresh with a crisp acidity and no drying oak influence. Deliciously modern Chardonnay!

## Viticulture

The estate consists of 240 hectares in Gualtallary, Tupungato, Uco Valley (Mendoza). The vineyard is situated in the Andes foothills at an altitude of 1200 meters and this location provides the vineyards with a cool climate and constant fresh air. Rainfall averages only 200mm per year and so the vines are irrigated by a drop-by-drop system using Andean mountain run-off. The pH of the water is low resulting in higher acidity in the grapes as well as more colour. The desert-like climate has a huge 15° C day/night temperature differential. The soils are sandy soil and most of the soil surface has low concentrations of organic material due to the

elevation and climate, producing favourable stress in the vines. Farming is organic.

## Winemaking

Protectively handled in stainless steel.