

Punto Final Reserva Cabernet Franc, Bodegas Renacer

Luján de Cuyo, Argentina



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Producer

Founded in 2003 by Chilean, Patricio Reich, Bodega Renacer is in Perdriel, in the foothills of the Andes. With a little over 35 hectares of vineyard planted, Renacer also buys high quality Malbec grapes from partner growers in the Uco Valley and Medrano. The estate's vineyards lie at 1,000 metres altitude on alluvial soils with a stony sand over a richer clay layer below and many vines are over 50 years old. Well-known Italian winemaker, Alberto Antonini consults here and they were the first estate in Argentina to employ precision viticulture, a system that analyses specific areas within a vineyard so as to better manage them and have less of an environmental impact. They were also the first Argentinean winery to be run on solar power and to neutralise its carbon emissions. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel and cement tanks and ageing in 225 litre French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes

"Ruby red color with coppery reflections that denote its time in wood. Its aromas are reminiscent of sweet spices, dried plum with lavender, sage, with a touch of bell pepper. With the opening of the wine appear aromas of vanilla and chocolate contributed by its aging in oak. In the mouth it has great concentration, intensity and sweet impact, with ripe black fruit flavors and a sapid aftertaste that fills the mouth. Smooth, round tannins with good acidity and a long, lingering finish. Good acidity and a long and persistent finish."

Viticulture

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and have less of an environmental impact is employed here. The climate is very hot in summers and very cold in the winter and even in the summer, there are significant diurnal differences due to the altitude. With very low rainfall the vineyards are set up with drip irrigation. Harvesting is done by hand.

Winemaking

"Grapes: Sourced from Vista Flores - Uco Valley (1300 m.a.s.l. - stony and calcareous soils) and Perdriel - Luja'n de Cuyo (950 m.a.s.l. - silty loam soils). Vineyards: Over 15 years old with yields of less than 8 tons per hectare. Harvest: Handpicked in 17 kg plastic crates. Selection: Double manual selection of clusters and berries. Alcoholic fermentation: With indigenous yeasts for 12 days in stainless steel tanks at temperatures between 22 °C. Malolactic fermentation: In stainless steel tanks. Aging: In French oak barrels for 12 months."

Awards

90 points Robert Parker Wine Advocate Gold Medal Concours Mondial de Bruxelles