

# TINTONEGRO

1955 VINEYARD MALBEC 2011



TINTONEGRO, meaning “black wine” in Spanish, is meant to celebrate the essence of Malbec in Mendoza. Known for its dark, blackish color, Malbec is definitely a TintoNegro.

TINTONEGRO was born of the long time friendship and professional collaboration of Alejandro Sejanovich and Jeff Mausbach. Colleagues at Bodega Catena Zapata for almost 15 years, Alejandro was Vineyard Director and Jeff was Wine Education Director.

TINTONEGRO wines are meant to reflect the heart and soul of Malbec in Mendoza. The portfolio explores the terroirs of Mendoza where Malbec does best, gradually isolating unique vineyard sites and winemaking techniques which can showcase the heights of concentration and complexity to which Malbec can aspire.

#### TERROIR

La Consulta district of the San Carlos county in the southern tip of the Uco valley, located at an altitude of 3,000’ elevation. Old vine Malbec vineyard planted in 1955. The deep-rooted, gnarly-trunked vines produce small, isolated clusters with tiny berries.

#### SOIL PROFILE

Light sandy, silty soil, very shallow with a subsoil of calcareous covered round rocks. Very poor soil profile causes the vines to struggle to produce low yields of highly concentrated fruit.

#### HARVEST

Hand harvested in the second week of April.

#### VINIFICATION

Barrel-fermented in French oak barrels from Burgundian cooper François Frères. 10 day cold maceration and 26 day fermentation, with maximum temperature of 16°C. All manual cap management with 8-10 punching downs per day.

#### OAK AGING

18 months in French oak, 39% new.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol	14% by volume
pH	3.8
Acidity	5.5

#### 2011 TINTONEGRO MALBEC, VINEYARD 1955

One of Mendoza’s great viticultural riches are the beautiful old vine vineyards of La Consulta. The vines are naturally balanced with exceptionally low yields – often under 1.5 lb. per vine. The fruit has a wonderful balance between rich concentration and elegant balance. the wine is barrel fermented for seamless oak integration and aged for 18 months in new French oak.