



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

Paraje Altamira district of the San Carlos county in the Uco valley, located at an altitude of 4,000’ elevation, nestled at the foot of the mighty Andes..

SOIL PROFILE

Finca La Escuela has a very heterogeneous soil profile, with patches of shallow sandy soil, spots of very rocky soil with an abundance of calcareous covered surface stones and areas of light silty soil. This wine was crafted from the patch of gravelly granite soil.

HARVEST

Hand harvested on March 14

VINIFICATION

Small batch bin fermentation of 500 liters each. Two day cold maceration and 15 day fermentation, with maximum temperature of 18°C (59°F). All manual cap management with 3 punching downs per day

OAK AGING

12 months in French oak, 15% new.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol 14% by volume

pH 3.70

Acidity 5.69

2016 TINTONEGRO FINCA LA ESCUELA LA GRAVA MALBEC

Finca La Escuela is located in Paraje Altamira, the premiere region for Malbec. It is named for the rural school (Escuela) located on the property. TintoNegro actively supports the school through regular donations and scholarships, furthering the education of our rural vineyard families. The vineyard has a patchwork of unique soil structures: sandy in some areas, stony patches of calcareous rocks, and light silt. “Grava” means **gravel** in Spanish and refers to the patch of gravel soil on the middle of the vineyard. This soil is made up of silt with small gravel. The small stones refract our abundant and intense sunshine, creating a higher temperature profile in the soil. The Malbec grown on this soils profile shows a sweet spcie aromatic profile with dark berry fruit flavors, and well structured tannins.