



# Matias Riccitelli

A bold and soulful tribute to Argentina's flagship grape, República del Malbec 2020 celebrates heritage, identity, and depth in every glass.

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## Republica del Malbec 2020

Mendoza, Argentina

### Region and Vineyards

This wine originates from **Las Compuertas**, a revered subregion of **Luján de Cuyo** in Mendoza, Argentina. The vineyard was planted in **1908**, making it one of the oldest sites still under vine in the area. Located at over **1,000 metres elevation**, the site benefits from cool nights and sun-filled days, ensuring slow, even ripening and preservation of acidity.

The soils are deep, alluvial with good drainage, contributing to both concentration and finesse. The vines are dry-farmed and meticulously managed, including green harvesting and deleafing in January, to maximise exposure and reduce yields. Grapes are harvested by hand in small 20 kg crates to protect berry integrity. This wine is explicitly made in tribute to immigrants who cultivated and preserved Malbec's legacy in Argentina.

### Winemaking

After careful sorting, the grapes undergo a five-day cold maceration, followed by fermentation with native yeasts in 1,000-litre **French oak vats**, at 26–28 °C. A post-fermentation maceration of 10 days enhances colour, tannin integration, and aromatic extraction.

Ageing is split: 50% of the wine matures in French oak barrels (1st to 3rd use), while the other 50% is aged in **1,000-litre French oak foudres**, both for **18 months**. This dual approach balances structure, freshness, and a fine oak frame. The wine is **vegan-friendly**, with no animal-based fining agents used.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep violet with purple edges.
- **Aroma:** Complex and intense, featuring wild blackberry, liquorice, black cherry, and exotic spice.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied yet elegant, with silky tannins, rich black fruit, and a lingering finish marked by spice, minerality, and balance.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Malbec



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## Did you know?

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This wine is not just a varietal statement—it's a **cultural homage**. República del Malbec is dedicated to the **immigrants who introduced, nurtured, and honoured Malbec over more than a century**, helping it become Argentina's national grape. The vineyard's origin in 1908 coincides with a key wave of European migration to the region.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Braised beef with Malbec reduction** – amplifies the wine's depth and savoury richness.
- **Smoked lamb shoulder with rosemary** – the herbal notes and soft tannins create harmony.
- **Wild mushroom and black truffle risotto** – umami echoes the wine's earthy-spicy undertones.
- **Hard sheep's milk cheese (e.g. Pecorino, Manchego)** – balance of salt, fat, and tannic finesse.



### Robert Parker (RP) : **93 Points** (2018)

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*The excellent 2018 República del Malbec has a traditional profile, starting with the origin of the grapes, Las Compuertas, which shows great concentration and freshness, juicy and with very round tannins. It's spicy, especially in the finish, where the élevage in oak provided an attractive profile.*

