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The Matias Riccitelli Sobre Suelos Calcareos Chardonnay is a refreshing, mineral-driven white wine that captures the essence of high-altitude vineyards in the Uco Valley. With its crisp acidity and pure expression of Chardonnay, it stands as an exceptional example of Argentina's cool-climate whites.

Sobre Suelos Calcareos Chardonnay 2023

Mendoza, Argentina



Region and Vineyards

This **Chardonnay** is crafted from vineyards located in **Gualtallary**, within the **Uco Valley** of Mendoza, Argentina. These vineyards are situated at an altitude of **1,450 meters** above sea level, where the cool, continental climate helps to preserve the natural acidity of the grapes. The soils are predominantly **calcareous**, which imparts a distinct minerality to the wine.

The vines were planted in the late **1960s**, and their maturity allows for lower yields and greater concentration of flavor. The vineyards are cultivated using **sustainable farming practices**, with no herbicides or synthetic products, ensuring a natural and pure expression of the terroir.

Winemaking

The **Sobre Suelos Calcareos Chardonnay** is made with **hand-harvested grapes**, ensuring that only the best fruit is selected. A **pre-fermentation maceration** lasting **five days** is conducted to enhance aromatic complexity. The fermentation takes place in **concrete eggs** at a low temperature of **14-16°C**, which helps to preserve the fresh, bright characteristics of the Chardonnay.

The wine is aged for **eight months** in the same concrete eggs used for fermentation. The winemaking process is minimalist, with no fining or filtration, to retain the purity and texture of the wine. The resulting wine has an alcohol level of **12.5%**, an acidity of **6.9 g/L**, and a residual sugar content of **1.9 g/L**.

Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

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Tasting Notes

- **Aroma**: The **Sobre Suelos Calcareos Chardonnay** offers a vibrant nose with **citrus** notes, primarily **lemon** and **lime**, alongside hints of **mineral** and a touch of salinity.
- **Palate**: On the palate, this wine is fresh and well-balanced, with an impressive **mineral-driven depth**. It showcases a light carbonation, a **saline** edge, and a refreshing **citrus finish**. The wine is **bright and quenching**, with no excessive creaminess, making it a refreshing and digestible white wine.

Did You Know?

The **Sobre Suelos Calcareos Chardonnay** is designed in a style similar to **Chablis**, offering a non-oaked profile that emphasizes freshness and minerality. This approach is relatively rare for Argentina, where richer, oaked Chardonnays are more common. The result is a truly unique wine that stands out in the region for its **cold-climate expression** and focus on purity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Oysters on the half shell**: The bright acidity and saline notes of the wine complement the briny freshness of oysters.
- **Ceviche**: The wine's citrus profile pairs beautifully with the tangy and fresh flavors of ceviche.
- **Goat cheese salad**: The wine's minerality and crispness provide a great balance to the creaminess of goat cheese and the freshness of a light salad.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2019)

The 2019 Chardonnay Sobre Suelos Calcáreos del Valle de Uco, which means "Chardonnay on limestone-rich soils from the Valle de Uco," is a new white where he selects the grapes by soils, alluvial with calcium carbonate, which tend to produce mineral and stony wines with very tasty flavors and an almost salty finish. The nose is austere and faintly varietal, and the palate is serious and nicely textured, lively and dry, with a long-lasting finish and clean flavors with citrus reminiscences.