

Altos Las Hormigas

The Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Terroir Organico Lujan de Cuyo stands out with its vibrant red fruit aromas and refined acidity, a testament to the careful organic practices and terroir-driven approach of the vineyard.

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Region and Vineyards

The **Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Terroir Organico Lujan de Cuyo** originates from the renowned Lujan de Cuyo region in Mendoza, Argentina. This area is celebrated for its optimal conditions for cultivating Malbec, benefiting from a high-altitude climate that fosters the development of concentrated and expressive wines. Situated in a high-density polygon on the estate, the vineyard is committed to organic farming practices from the very beginning.

The soil preparation involved the incorporation of hummus, organic coverage, and precise water management, all aimed at promoting deep root development. This approach is crucial for producing wines with exceptional quality and natural freshness, especially in warmer climates. The soil in this region is distinguished by its low clay content and significant presence of limestone, which enhances the wine's minerality and freshness, setting a foundation for the wine's unique character.

Winemaking

This wine is crafted from **100% Malbec grapes**, meticulously hand-picked from certified organic vineyards. The grapes are gently released by gravity into small concrete tanks, where alcoholic fermentation takes place with native yeasts at **26°C for 15 days**. This careful fermentation process preserves the natural flavors and characteristics of the Malbec grapes.

Post-fermentation, **75% of the wine is aged for 18 months in concrete pools**, which helps maintain the wine's purity and freshness. The remaining **25% is aged in untoasted large oak foudres**, adding complexity and subtle oak nuances. Following this period, the wine undergoes further aging for **6 months in the bottle** before its release, allowing the flavors to harmonize and develop further.

Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Malbec

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Concentrated ruby red.
- **Aroma:** The nose is expressive and fruity, with notes of **red fruits**, plums, cherries, lemon thyme, eucalyptus, and Mendocinian underbrush.
- **Palate:** The palate is marked by freshness and elegance, featuring a vertical structure with supple tannins and a long finish. The wine's vibrant acidity enhances its overall balance and texture, making it a delightful and refined Malbec.

Did you know?

The creative inspiration behind this wine was to showcase the most subtle and mineral aspects of Lujan de Cuyo. This organic Malbec differs from traditional wines from the region by highlighting the unique qualities of the limestone soils, providing a distinctive and fresh profile that sets it apart.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roasted Red Meats:** The rich, savory flavors of roasted meats complement the wine's robust fruit and acidity.
- **Spicy Dishes:** The elegant acidity and supple tannins balance well with the heat and complexity of spicy cuisine.
- **Grilled Vegetables:** The wine's freshness and minerality enhance the smoky, charred flavors of grilled vegetables.
- **Aged Cheeses:** The complex aromas and long finish of the wine pair beautifully with the intense flavors of aged cheeses

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2019)

The classical red 2019 Malbec Terroir Luján de Cuyo was produced with certified organic grapes from their property, selected from places with almost no clay and more limestone. Seventy-five percent of the volume was kept in the concrete tanks, where it fermented for 18 months, while the rest matured in 3,500-liter oak foudres. This has 13.5% alcohol and a pH of 3.74, and it's juicy and balanced, with a similitude with the Malbec Classico. It's from 24 hectares planted on their property, and this is selected from a small plot that has some calcium carbonate. It has a touch of herbs, fresh blood and meat, an iron twist, with complexity and a fine-boned palate with fine tannins and a long, dry finish. The oak is very neatly integrated and folded into the wine, really unnoticeable. 28,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in July 2021.

91 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 91 Points (2019)

Black cherries and plums with a darker tone to the fruit and some white pepper. Medium body with a plump, round mouth-feel. Polished, smooth tannins to close. Soft-spoken and understated. (3/2022)

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Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 90 Points (2019)

The 2019 Malbec Organico is from Luján de Cuyo. Purple in hue. Unaged, it has a young, easygoing nose of good intensity in which fresh plum and violet notes are prominent. In the mouth, it's something else with a heightened freshness that brings a nimble flow, medium body, youthful grip and ruggedness. This is a Malbec that quenches thirst without going overboard. With time in the bottle, the variety's smoothness will come to the front. (JH) (11/2021)