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Polígonos San Pablo Malbec is a high-altitude Malbec from the San Pablo region in Mendoza's Valle de Uco, highlighting the cool, intense climate and mineral-rich soils of this Andean foothill terroir.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Malbec

Poligonos San Pablo Malbec 2023

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

San Pablo lies in the Tunuyán district of Valle de Uco, nestled between **1,200 and 1,700 meters above sea level**, and only 600 meters from the Andes mountains. This **cold and extreme climate** brings very low minimum temperatures, creating an ideal environment for growing Malbec with vibrant acidity and structured tannins. The landscape is defined by abundant trees, streams, and rich biodiversity, forming a unique oasis at high altitude. The soils here are alluvial, originating from the Las Tunas River, and feature a layer of medium-sized gravel covered with calcareous material at about one meter depth, imparting a mineral backbone to the wine.

This harvest benefitted from cool, humid weather, allowing the grape clusters to mature slowly, achieving a balance of sugar, acidity, and tannins. Zuccardi's precise approach to plot and soil type selection, honed over more than a decade, enabled each section of the vineyard to express its unique character.

Winemaking

Polígonos San Pablo Malbec is crafted with a minimalist approach to emphasize terroir. **Fermentation takes place with native yeasts in concrete vessels**, which maintains the natural flavors of the grape and soil. The wine is **aged in concrete tanks**, a choice that enhances freshness and minerality without any oak influence, underscoring the purity of the San Pablo terroir.

This **100% Malbec** has an alcohol content of **13.5%**, a total acidity of **5.8 g/L**, and a **pH of 3.59**, resulting in a balanced wine with bright acidity and a structured finish.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with a vibrant intensity that reflects its high-altitude origins.
- **Aroma**: Notes of **red and black fruits**, floral hints, and subtle mineral undertones, with an herbaceous touch from the Andean climate.
- **Palate**: Medium-bodied with firm tannins and refreshing acidity. The palate reveals layers of dark fruit, minerality, and a long, structured finish that highlights the unique calcareous soils of San Pablo.

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Did you know?

The **Polígonos series** is Zuccardi's exploration of the distinctive characteristics of different "villages" within the Uco Valley. Each wine in this collection represents a specific mapped area within the vineyard, capturing the unique qualities of that site. San Pablo's high-altitude environment, cold climate, and mineral soils allow for an especially precise and refined Malbec expression.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lamb with Fresh Herbs**: The wine's tannins and herbaceous notes complement the flavors of lamb and fresh herbs, enhancing the dish's savory profile.
- **Mushroom Risotto with Thyme**: The earthy mushrooms and herb flavors resonate with the wine's mineral complexity, while its acidity balances the richness.
- **Roasted Beet Salad with Feta and Walnuts**: The wine's freshness and acidity pair well with the sweetness of roasted beets, the creaminess of feta, and the nutty flavors of walnuts.
- **Stuffed Red Peppers with Quinoa and Herbs**: The wine's minerality and acidity match the earthy flavors of the peppers and quinoa, creating an elegant pairing.

95 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2021)

Enticing black pepper, dried herbs and tangy thyme and citrus, together with blueberries and lavender on the nose. This is so pure, racy and characterful. So intense and broad, but medium-bodied and not hefty. On the contrary, this is so easy to drink. Unique style, coming from high-altitude vineyards.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2021)

Of all the Malbecs in the Polígonos range, the 2021 Polígonos San Pablo Malbec is the lighter and more reductive one, with a slimmer palate and perhaps aromas of white flowers. This is also the lowest in alcohol and the one coming from the cooler place. It's floral and elegant, perfumed and ethereal, always the last Malbec to be harvested. All the Malbecs ferment and mature in concrete and transmit a sensation of purity and limestone minerality, with citrus and acid berry sensations. Here, they destem all the fruit, which is what they decided on, after many trials and errors, to avoid green notes. This has fine tannins and is medium -bodied, very elegant, fresh and pleasant, pure Malbec juice with no interference. The whole Polígonos range represents very good value, all from owned vineyards that are worked organically but not certifiedRating:94+

92 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 92 Points (2020)

A touch of black pepper lends spice to a nose of Jarilla, ripe red plum and chalk. Well structured, this red from one of the higher altitude vineyards in Uco Valley, delivers layers of fresh cherry and blueberry flavors accented by rosemary. It has a mineral texture and lively acidity finishing with spicy notes.

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