



Chakana

Chakana Estate Selection Red Blend is an expressive and harmonious wine from Argentina's Uco Valley, crafted from a blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc. This biodynamic wine reflects the purity and complexity of high-altitude Andean terroirs.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 70% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

Estate Selection Red Blend 2020

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

The **Uco Valley**, nestled at the foothills of the Andes, is one of Argentina's premier wine regions. This wine is sourced from two exceptional vineyards: **Altamira**, situated at an elevation of **975 meters (3,200 feet)**, and **Gualtallary**, located at an impressive **1,675 meters (5,500 feet)**.

These high-altitude sites experience a **cool climate**, allowing for slow ripening, which preserves acidity and enhances the aromatic complexity of the grapes. The soils are predominantly **sandy loam with calcareous gravels**, offering excellent drainage and imparting a distinct minerality to the wine.

Winemaking

The blend consists of **70% Malbec**, **25% Cabernet Sauvignon**, and **5% Cabernet Franc**, highlighting the balance between fruit intensity, structure, and aromatic finesse.

The grapes undergo a **two-day maceration** on their skins in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats, followed by fermentation with **indigenous yeasts** to preserve the wine's natural character. The wine is then aged for **10 months in oak barrels and concrete vats**, ensuring an ideal balance between fruit purity and subtle oak influence. It is bottled **unfiltered**, maintaining its authenticity and depth.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep red with violet hues.
- **Aroma:** A captivating bouquet of **dark fruits**, **exotic spices**, **tobacco**, and hints of **mocha**.
- **Palate:** Medium to full-bodied, with a refined structure and velvety tannins. Flavors of chocolate and dark berries linger on a long, persistent finish.

Did You Know?

The name **Chakana** is inspired by the **Southern Cross constellation**, which served as an agricultural calendar for ancient Andean civilizations. The **jaguar** depicted on the label symbolizes strength and the mystical connection to the Andean night sky.



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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled beef tenderloin with peppercorn sauce:** The wine's dark fruit and spice notes complement the richness of the beef and the warmth of the pepper.
- **Wild mushroom stew:** Its earthy and mineral-driven profile harmonizes with the umami flavors of the mushrooms.
- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic:** The wine's structure and complexity enhance the savory and aromatic elements of the dish.
- **Dark chocolate truffles:** The mocha and chocolate flavors in the wine mirror the richness of the dessert.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2020)

The 2020 Red Blend Estate Selection is a blend of 60% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc (from Paraje Altamira, Gualtallary and Los Chacayes, respectively, all in the Uco Valley) and was 40% aged in used barrels and a third in foudres. Purple in the glass. The expressive nose presents notes of fresh fruit such as cherry and blackcurrant accompanied by herbs and a whiff of ash. In the mouth, it's compact with a refined expression in which the freshness wins out before the long, fruity finish. Will improve in the bottle.



Robert Parker (RP) : 90 Points (2020)

The 2020 Estate Selection Red Blend was produced with 60% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc with 14% alcohol. It matured in 225- and 500-liter French barriques and oak vats for one year. It has aromas of violets, herbal notes and sweet spices, and the palate reveals good freshness and abundant, slightly dusty tannins.

