



Chakana

Chakana Ayni Malbec is a profound and elegant wine from the renowned Paraje Altamira in the Uco Valley, Argentina. Crafted with biodynamic principles, it reflects the harmony of nature and winemaking, offering a true expression of its Andean terroir.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Malbec

Ayni Malbec 2020

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

The **Uco Valley**, located in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, is one of Argentina's premier wine regions. This wine comes from the **Paraje Altamira** appellation, situated at an altitude of **1,000 meters (3,300 feet)** above sea level. The vineyard benefits from a **cool climate** and soils composed of **sandy loam with calcareous gravels**, which enhance the wine's minerality and freshness.

Chakana is a pioneer in **biodynamic viticulture**, ensuring the health of its 120 hectares of vineyards while promoting sustainability. The Paraje Altamira vineyard, a hallmark of the estate, yields grapes with intense concentration and natural balance, ideal for producing age-worthy wines.

Winemaking

The **Ayni Malbec** is made with meticulous attention to detail, combining modern techniques with respect for traditional methods. The grapes are harvested **manually**, ensuring only the finest fruit is selected. After a **four-day cold maceration**, spontaneous fermentation occurs using **native yeasts** in stainless steel tanks.

The wine undergoes **malolactic fermentation** and is aged for **12 months in untoasted oak foudres** of 3,000L and 5,000L capacity, preserving the purity and elegance of the fruit. The wine is **unfiltered**, allowing it to retain its natural character.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with violet hints.
- **Aroma:** Complex and intense, featuring **blackberries, cherries, and plums**, complemented by delicate floral notes and subtle spices.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and balanced, with vibrant acidity and polished tannins. Flavors of ripe black fruit and spices lead to a long and refined finish.



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Did You Know?

The name **Ayni** reflects the Andean principle of reciprocity, symbolizing the give-and-take relationship between humans and nature. This philosophy underpins Chakana's commitment to **biodynamic farming** and respect for the environment.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with chimichurri sauce:** The bold fruit and structure of the wine enhance the richness of the beef and the herbal brightness of the sauce.
- **Lamb shank braised with rosemary:** The wine's spice and minerality complement the savory and aromatic qualities of the dish.
- **Mushroom risotto:** Its earthiness and balanced acidity harmonize with the creamy texture and umami of the risotto.
- **Dark chocolate mousse:** The wine's fruit intensity and hints of spice pair beautifully with the bitterness and richness of dark chocolate.



Tim Atkin (TA) : 94 Points (2020)

Ayni hails from the poor soils of the southern part of Paraje Altamira and is a serious, structured, ageworthy Malbec that needs a little more time for its tannins to soften and integrate. The underlying wine is impressive, with laurel and thyme aromas, lots of chalky intensity and compact damson and black cherry fruit. 2025-35.



James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2020)

Bright dark berry character with dried flowers, orange peel and chocolate undertones. Plush and creamy tannins on a succulent, berry-soaked palate. Structured, long and persistent. Lightly chewy in the finish. Drink or hold.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2019)

The 2019 Malbec Ayni comes from Paraje Altamira, Uco Valley and was aged for 12 months in foudres. Unfiltered, this is an austere red of nuance and depth. The nose is very much that of the region with fresh plum, violets and thyme. The potency is tempered by the aging process in favor of subtlety and the addition of whiffs of smoke, tobacco and cedar. Juicy in the mouth with a striking chalky feel, compact flow and mild character, it is a linear wine but maintains Malbec's smooth, voluminous nature. An elegant interpretation of a region with character. - Joaquín Hidalgo

