Zuccardi

Crafted from high-altitude vineyards in Paraje Altamira and Los Chacayes, this elegant Malbec embodies both richness and finesse, with a distinctive freshness, fruit purity, and mineral complexity.

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VALLE DE UCO

Q Malbec 2021

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

Zuccardi Q Malbec originates from two of the Uco Valley's most esteemed regions in Mendoza, Argentina: **Paraje Altamira** and **Los Chacayes**. The **Paraje Altamira** vineyards are situated on an alluvial fan from the Tunuyán River at an altitude of **1,100 meters (3,609 feet)**. Known for its cool climate and large diurnal temperature range, this area has soils rich in stones and granite gravel, covered with calcareous material. These unique soils add complexity and minerality to the Malbec, contributing to the structure and depth of the wine.

The **Los Chacayes** vineyards, located west of the Uco Valley at around **1,000 meters (3,281 feet)**, also sit on an alluvial fan, this time from the Arroyo Grande. The soil here consists of sandy textures with small stones, ideal for maintaining good drainage. This terroir, combined with a sunny, temperate climate, encourages the development of bold red fruit flavors and a firm tannin structure in the grapes. Together, these regions provide a distinctive, layered profile for Zuccardi Q Malbec.

Winemaking

The winemaking process for Zuccardi Q Malbec begins with careful **selection of grape clusters**, focusing on quality and ripeness. The grapes are transferred by gravity into fermentation vessels, where they undergo **fermentation with native yeasts** in concrete tanks. This use of native yeasts enhances the unique characteristics of the terroir, preserving the purity and expression of the Malbec fruit.

Following fermentation, the wine is **aged in a combination of concrete tanks and used, untoasted 500-liter French oak barrels**. This maturation approach emphasizes the wine's natural fruit profile and elegance, allowing a refined integration of tannins and a smooth texture. The result is a **100% Malbec** with a balanced structure, a modest **14% alcohol content, 5.63 g/L of total acidity, and a pH of 3.69**.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Malbec

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Intense violet-red, highlighting the vibrant character of Malbec.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of fresh red fruit, such as cherries and plums, mingle with floral notes, herbs, and subtle hints of spice and mint, creating a complex and inviting bouquet.
- **Palate**: The wine is medium-bodied, with ripe and firm tannins. It displays a strong fruity character with a notable freshness and minerality, ending with a long, elegant finish. This Malbec reflects the high-altitude terroir with balanced intensity and finesse.

Did you know?

Zuccardi Q was the first wine to carry the family name on the label when it was launched in 1999. The letter "Q" stands for "Quality" and signifies that the grapes come from selected parcels of Zuccardi's best vineyards. These vineyards were initially marked with a "Q" to indicate that these parcels required special attention to achieve exceptional quality, a legacy that continues with each vintage.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Argentine Steak**: The wine's robust tannins and fresh acidity complement the richness and smoky flavors of grilled beef.
- **Lamb Tagine**: The spices in the dish pair harmoniously with the wine's herbal and subtle mint notes, while the fruity character enhances the flavors of the lamb.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese**: The Malbec's intense fruit profile and acidity balance the richness and nutty flavors of aged Manchego cheese.
- **Roasted Vegetables with Thyme**: The herbal and fruity notes of the wine match well with the earthy and savory flavors of roasted vegetables.

93 Wine&Spirits

Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 93 Points (2021)

A selection from vineyards in Vista Flores and La Consulta, this wine is fun and zesty, focusing on malbec's fresher side with wild blueberry flavors and violet scents. The snappy herbal pop in the tannins suggest vertically-integrated complexity, from purposeful harvest to Zuccardi's light-handed vinification.

93 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2021)

A spicy malbec with a touch of fine herbs, oyster sauce and dark minerals to the fresh blueberries. A very fresh and nicely chewy expression of malbec with a medium to full body on the palate. Tannins are tight, fresh and grained. Mostly from Paraje Altamira and Los Chacayes. Try in 2025.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

The 2021 Q Malbec comes from Altamira and Chacayes and was made with a significant part of full clusters (especially Altamira) and aged mostly in concrete to keep that sense of purity. It has notes of some blue fruit, aromatic herbs and a citrus twist, reminiscent of green tea. It is floral, expressive, perfumed and fine-boned, with a medium-bodied palate where the tannins are fine and there's some grip.Rating: 92+