

Corte Unico Finca San Isidro 2021

# Amalaya

The Amalaya Corte Único is the iconic wine of Bodega Amalaya, representing the pinnacle of what the northern region of Argentina has to offer. This bold, structured red blend is crafted from carefully selected grapes grown in the rocky, alluvial soils of Finca San Isidro, located in the heart of Salta.



### Region and Vineyards

Salta, Argentina

The **Amalaya Corte Unico Finca San Isidro** hails from the Cafayate Valley in the Salta province of northern Argentina. This region is renowned for its dramatic landscapes, with vineyards situated at altitudes ranging from **1,600 to 2,000 meters** above sea level. The high altitude and unique microclimate contribute to the development of intense, concentrated flavors in the grapes.

The vineyards of **Finca San Isidro** are characterized by their rocky, alluvial soils, which provide excellent drainage and reduce vine vigor, leading to lower yields of high-quality fruit. These conditions, combined with the intense sunlight and cool nighttime temperatures, result in grapes that achieve optimal ripeness while retaining their natural acidity.



## Winemaking

The Amalaya Corte Unico Finca San Isidro is a blend of 90% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Tannat. The grapes are meticulously harvested at different times to ensure each variety reaches its peak maturity. Malbec is picked in early March, while Cabernet Sauvignon and Tannat are harvested at the end of March.

Fermentation occurs in new barrels, followed by aging for **12 months in French oak**. This process enhances the wine's structure and complexity, imparting subtle oak flavors and allowing the wine to develop a unique character that is both elegant and powerful.

**Tasting Notes** 

- Color: Deep, vibrant ruby with purple hues.
- **Aroma:** An inviting bouquet of **spicy aromas** with floral notes, ripe black fruits, marmalade, and dark chocolate.
- Palate: The wine presents a luscious, full-bodied texture with flavors of
  mature fruits, marmalade, and chocolate, balanced by a strong concentration
  in the center of the palate. The finish is long and soft, ideal for relaxed
  enjoyment.

Alcohol :14,50 % Composition: 90% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Tannat







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### Did you know?

The name "Amalaya" translates to "hope for a miracle" in the local indigenous language. For centuries, farmers in the region made offerings in hope for a bountiful harvest, a tradition that reflects the deep cultural heritage and connection to the land at **Finca San Isidro**.

#### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Argentine Asado:** The rich, smoky flavors of a traditional Argentine barbecue complement the intense, spicy notes of the wine.
- **Beef Bourguignon:** The hearty, savory elements of this classic French dish pair well with the wine's full-bodied texture and dark fruit flavors.
- **Roquefort Cheese:** The strong, tangy character of this blue cheese contrasts beautifully with the wine's rich, fruity palate.
- **Mushroom Risotto:** The earthy, umami flavors of the risotto enhance the wine's complex profile and provide a harmonious pairing.

# 90 <u>Floreling</u>e

#### Robert Parker (RP): 90 Points (2019)

The new 2019 Corte Único comes from their Finca San Isidro property at 1,800 meters in altitude and is a blend of 90% Malbec and 5% each Cabernet Sauvignon and Tannat. It fermented in barrel, and the wine matured in those barrels for one year. Despite the fact that the oak was new, the wine has absorbed it neatly, and it's a powerful red blend with deep flavors and very fine tannins, nicely crafted and balanced. 15,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in April 2020.



