



Zuccardi

This 100% Malbec from the Aluvional line highlights Zuccardi's exploration of alluvial soils, resulting in a wine that reflects the unique identity of Gualtallary with precision and depth.



Aluvional Gualtallary Malbec 2018

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

The **Gualtallary** region in Tupungato, Valle de Uco, Mendoza, lies at the foot of the Frontal Mountain Range at **1,300 to 1,385 meters (4,265 to 4,544 feet)**. Known as a **high-altitude desert**, Gualtallary's terroir is characterized by a temperate and arid climate, with ample sunlight and notable diurnal temperature variation. The selected vineyard parcels are located in an area known as "Monasterio," set within a small valley at the base of the Jaboncillo Hills. This rugged landscape is defined by its thorny bushes, desert flora, and jarilla herbs, which grow alongside Malbec vines.

The soils in Gualtallary are alluvial, formed millions of years ago by water flows from the Andes that deposited stones, caliche, and minerals along the mountain slopes. For this Malbec, Zuccardi selected parcels rich in **caliche and stones coated with calcareous material**. This soil composition contributes to the wine's distinctive minerality, structure, and depth, making it a unique expression of Gualtallary's terroir.

Winemaking

Zuccardi Aluvional Gualtallary Malbec is produced with meticulous care, beginning with **gravity-fed movement of the grapes** to preserve their integrity. Fermentation takes place in **concrete vessels with native yeasts**, ensuring that the wine's flavor profile authentically reflects the terroir. After fermentation, the wine is **aged in concrete vessels**, allowing the wine to develop complexity and structure while maintaining its purity and vibrancy without the influence of oak.

The result is a **100% Malbec** that embodies the natural expression of Gualtallary's unique terroir. With an alcohol content of **14%**, **total acidity of 6.1 g/L**, and a **pH of 3.62**, this wine has a structured yet fresh profile, emphasizing the high-altitude character of the region.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Malbec



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, vibrant purple, highlighting the wine's concentration and intensity.
- **Aroma:** Expressive nose with notes of **blackberry**, **blueberry**, and subtle herbal hints, complemented by earthy mineral undertones and a touch of floral nuance.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied with a structured profile, showing fine tannins and balanced acidity. The wine offers layers of dark fruit, mineral notes, and a long, elegant finish, capturing the essence of Gualtallary's terroir.

Did you know?

The **Aluvional series** is Zuccardi's dedication to exploring the diverse alluvial soils of the Uco Valley. Each wine in this collection expresses the distinctive terroir of specific parcels through the lens of Malbec, offering a profound connection to Mendoza's rich, varied landscape. This wine, grown in soils formed by ancient Andes water flows, embodies the powerful and unique identity of **Gualtallary**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Venison with Juniper and Mushroom Sauce:** The earthy mushroom and juniper flavors echo the wine's mineral notes, while the richness of the venison matches the wine's structured tannins.
- **Smoked Eggplant and Tomato Ragout:** The smokiness of eggplant complements the wine's subtle herbal and mineral undertones, and the acidity balances the dish's depth.
- **Aged Comté or Gruyère:** The nutty, complex flavors of aged cheese enhance the wine's depth, while the structure of the wine balances the richness of the cheese.
- **Lamb Tagine with Dried Plums and Almonds:** The fruity depth of the Malbec pairs beautifully with the tagine's sweet-savory flavors, while its tannins complement the tender lamb.



Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2018)

The intense and high-pitched 2018 Aluvional Gualtallary has finesse, which is the challenge in this very wild zone of the Valle de Uco. This is a powerful zone because of the light and the cold nights, which make it difficult to achieve elegance in the wines, but they have worked in this direction. As with other 2018s, the aromas and flavors are fully developed, so there's more complexity, nuance and depth than in the 2017s, which ripened faster and earlier. A superb mineral Gualtallary with contained ripeness and wildness.



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James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2018)

Blueberries, blackberries, violets and some stones on the nose. Orange peel, as well. It's full-bodied with firm, silky tannins and a linear, refined finish. So gorgeous and long now, but better after 2023.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2018)

Plum, licorice, peppercorn and a hint of salt show in the bouquet of this balanced wine. It's full bodied, with well-integrated tannins. The vibrant palate delivers bright black-fruit flavors and peppery spice. It finishes long with leather notes.



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