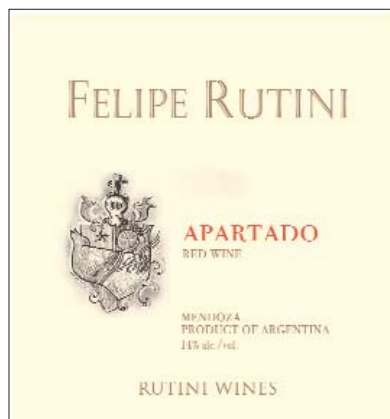


FELIPE RUTINI

RUTINI WINES

Mendoza, Argentina



Apartado 2004

THE VINEYARD

Rutini Wines is one of the oldest and most celebrated wineries in Argentina. Its origins date back the late 19th century when Italian immigrant Felipe Rutini planted his first vines at what remains the site of the present-day winery in Maipú, in the province of Mendoza. The Rutini winery was founded in 1885, and has since then been consistently commended for the outstanding quality and character of its wines. Rutini Wines currently owns estates in five different areas of Mendoza, including Maipú, Rivadavia, La Consulta, Altamira and Tupungato, with a total of 255 hectares under vine. This diverse source of vineyard sites allows us to cultivate each individual grape variety in the area that offers the best suited growing conditions. Of particular value is the source of old vines in the highly coveted region of La Consulta, where many believe the best Malbec grapes in Mendoza are being grown today. Here our vines reach ages of 65 years. The concentrated yields produced by these vines, combined with the high altitude, cool air and intense sunshine in this region, create grapes with rich fruit character, deep colour and smooth, ripe tannins.

HARVEST & AGEING

Made only in exceptional vintage years, the grapes for Apartado, meaning "that which is set apart", go through a rigorous selection of the Rutini's best vineyards sites. The Cabernet is sourced from 20 year old vineyards in the Agrelo district, Malbec is sourced from 50 year old vineyards located in La Consulta district of San Carlos, and the Merlot is sourced from 10 year old vineyards located in Tupungato. The result from blending grapes from different microclimates and terroirs within Mendoza's high-altitude wine-growing region produces complex, rich and elegant wines. The harvest is done by hand, the grapes are then destemmed for a 30 day fermentation and maceration, with 100% malolactic fermentation. Ageing takes place for 14 months in new French oak. Each barrel is fined with one egg white, this wine is unfiltered.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Felipe Rutini Apartado is an innovative red blend produced only in outstanding vintages and in limited quantities, using individual components selected from the best barrels in the winery. This stunning red blend harmoniously combines the individual characteristics of each of the grape varieties. The nose displays complex layers of blackcurrant, plums and cherries, with notes of cocoa, spicy tobacco and cedar from the wine's ageing in new French oak. This medium to full bodied red is beautifully balanced with great depth, concentrated red fruit flavors and elegant, silky tannins.

Grape Varieties: 50% Malbec, 20% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Finished Alcohol: 14%

Acidity/pH: 5.55/3.75



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