

## Sierra Los Andes, Lujan de Cuyo, Malbec 2020



Sweet, spicy aromas combine with fresh black cherry and floral hints of violet through to a smooth finish.

### Producer Note

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Sierra Los Andes is a stunning Malbec from the heart of Argentina's winemaking land. From a country infused with passion and vibrancy, this wine is equally as exciting. Elegantly packaged, this heady and intense Malbec charmingly showcases the purity of fruit in this quintessentially Argentinian variety.

### Vintage

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2020 was one of the earliest and warmest vintages on record. With low rainfall throughout the season, a cool and dry winter was followed by a hot summer. The combination of no winter snow and hydric stress from the hot, dry summer meant that yields were significantly reduced. The berries were smaller and matured at a much quicker rate than usual. The harvest was brought forward by approximately one month in most cases. It was essential to pick at the right moment, to ensure good acidity balanced the mature tannins and concentrated flavours.

### Vineyard

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El Alto Vineyard is located in Ugarteche, in the southern part of Luján de Cuyo and is situated at 1,050 metres above sea level. The soils range from sandy loam to clay loam, with a variable stone content. The climate typically presents warm days and cool nights, with an average temperature variation of 14°C and an average annual rainfall of 250mm. Yielding 12 tonnes per hectare, the vines are grown on espalier training systems, with drip irrigation.

### Winemaking

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The grapes were harvested from mid to late March, destemmed and softly crushed. A cold pre-fermentation maceration took place, in order to preserve the primary aromas. The must was then cooled and traditional fermentation began at controlled temperatures. Post-fermentation maceration lasted between 10 and 15 days, followed by malolactic conversion resulting in a softer texture.

### Tasting Note

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Deep, violet red in colour with intense, sweet, spicy aromas combined with rich red fruits and floral hints of violet. On the palate it is soft, velvety, fresh and well balanced.

### Grape

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Malbec 100%



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| Winemaker:            | Marcus Fernandez                 |
| Region:               | Mendoza                          |
| Sub region:           | Lujan de Cuyo                    |
| Country:              | Argentina                        |
| Alcohol:              | 13.5%                            |
| Body Value:           | C (A is light, E is full bodied) |
| Residual Sugar:       | N/A                              |
| Contains Sulphites:   | Yes                              |
| Vegetarian/Vegan:     | Yes/No                           |
| Milk/Eggs:            | No/Yes                           |
| Organic:              | N/A                              |
| Biodynamic:           | No                               |
| Product Code:         | 5854918A                         |
| Case unit of measure: | 6X75CL                           |
| Formats Available:    | 75cl                             |
| Closure:              | Screwcap                         |