

# Piattelli Vineyards, Cafayate, Grand Malbec 2017



A rich and inky red with aromas of black fruits, cedar and a touch of smoke. Intense and fruit forward on the palate with an opulent and mouthfilling texture.

## Producer Note

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The Piattelli Vineyards lie in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, where the century old vines are irrigated by the pure waters melting from the snow crested peaks; significant in making their wines exquisite. At Piattelli Vineyards great pride is taken in crafting wines with a sense of place, as each region has distinct terroirs and microclimates. Led by head winemaker Valeria Antolin, the wines are produced through her passionate pursuit of perfection. Their gravity fed winery in Cafayate honours their commitment to sustainable practices. Piattelli Vineyards practises sustainable farming and their Mendoza vineyards are USDA certified organic. The grapes are cultivated with arid clean air, crystal clear water and nutrient rich soil and their award winning wines are produced with wisdom, precision and care.

## Vintage

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The 2017 growing season in Cafayate was characterised by very dry weather, with hot temperatures throughout the summer. The temperature differences between the hot days and cool nights were over 15°C, which encouraged the vines to produce excellent quality fruit, with intense flavours but balancing freshness.

## Vineyard

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From high in the Andes surrounding Salta come Piattelli's Cafayate wines, grown at an elevation of over 1,795 metres. The distinctively colourful Argentinian mountains are formed of many geological layers. The splendour of this area is the pure water and extreme thermal amplitudes. The diurnal temperature differences create longer ripening periods, which concentrates the flavours in the grapes, with the cooler evenings encouraging a balancing freshness. Additionally, the grapes develop thicker skins to cope with the intensity of the UV rays at this altitude, which further concentrates the flavours in the wine. This makes this not only one of the most beautiful, but also one of the premier grape growing regions in the world.

## Winemaking

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The grapes were hand-picked and destemmed. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks with post fermentation maceration lasting for two weeks. When fermentation was complete, the wine was racked to first use French oak barrels, where it went through malolactic fermentation and was aged for 12 months.

## Tasting Note

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A rich and fragrant wine which represents the best of the crop. An intense Malbec full of aromas of blueberries and spice. The palate has great structure and concentration with beautifully integrated oak and a wonderfully persistent finish.

## Grape

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Malbec 100%



Winemaker:	Alejandro Nesman
Region:	Salta
Sub region:	Cafayate
Country:	Argentina
Alcohol:	14.5%
Body Value:	D (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	3.5
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	58620171
Case unit of measure:	12X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Diam