

ADELANTE

2021 Old Vine Malbec

REGION: La Consulta, Valle de Uco, Mendoza REGION: La Consulta, Valle de Uco,
VINEYARD: Seventy-five-year-old self-rooted vines, alluvial sand, clay soils, at 3,000 ft
YIELD: 2.5 tons per acre/42 hectoliter per hectare

This Adelante Malbec originates from our vineyard, Don Eugenio, in La Consulta, Valle de Uco, Mendoza. La Consulta is one of Mendoza's coolest grape growing regions.

THE 2021 GROWING SEASON

2021 was a cooler growing year than normal. The cool climate allowed ripening without typical heat spikes. The grapes were able to hang on the vine without sugar accumulation, thus there was gradual ripening to achieve phenolic maturity with fresh acidity.

THE STYLE

As usual we were one of the first to pick in La Consulta. We do this to make a wine that retains freshness and acidity, allowing the spice in **Malbec** to express itself. Our goal is to achieve balance among all the elements along with richness to match with a wide range of foods: from meat to Mediterranean foods.

THE WINEMAKING

We employed a cold soak of three days, native yeast fermentation. The wine was pressed with natural malolactic fermentation completed in the tank. No SO₂ was added until the malolactic fermentation was completed. Then 25% was aged in new French oak, 25% in old French oak, with the rest in tank to preserve freshness.

THE WINE: BALANCED MALBEC

Malbec is known for its dark color and concentrated character. Our 2021 Adelante Malbec impresses with its concentration while maintaining freshness and balance. It has weight at entry, a round middle, mature tannins with a persistent long finish. The blue (blueberry) fruit is accented with a fresh boysenberry flavor which melds into a classical expression of fruit along with hints of the spice element in **Malbec**.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

Santiago Achával-Ferrer - *Founding partner-winemaker of Achával-Ferrer & Matervini*
"Another favorite winemaker is Ray Kaufman (**Adelante**). He taught me the simplicity of allowing nature to express itself."

Larry Stone - "Patrick Campbell and Ray Kaufman have every reason to be proud of their legacy".
Ray was at Laurel Glen Vineyard for 23 vintages

Kevin Mac (French Laundry & former head Sommelier Per Se, N.Y.) *Tasting comments: Caught off guard. Refined (for a Malbec) Long finish, a sign of quality. This wine is great. (For a wine in its price range)*

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