

Alpamanta

Alpamanta means "Love to Earth" or "terroir" in the native Quechuan language. A tenet of the region's ancient Indigenous culture that has promoted a way of working that requires co-existing in harmony with nature and the environment. Taking care of the Earth.



In 2005 Andrej Razumovsky, his cousin André Hoffmann from Switzerland and Jérémie Delecourt from France joined forces to establish a boutique winery in Mendoza, Argentina. They purchased 35 hectares of vineyard in the southern part of Luján de Cuyo, in Ugarteché, where the vineyards sit at a high altitude of 3,117 ft above sea level. The clay soil is dominated by alluvial deposits to allow for good drainage. The area has very low annual rainfall, and ideal fluctuation between day and night time temperatures, all of which makes for optimum grape growing conditions.

All of the wines at Alpamanta are certified Organic and Biodynamic, which is of great cost in Argentina, as the government requires a yearly percentage of total proceeds to maintain these statuses. It is important to Alpamanta however as they are very dedicated to the practices of fertilizing with compost with no chemical spraying, using Tisanes to revitalize the soil and the health of the vines, and following the moon calendar to direct them in their vineyard practices.

Winemaker Giuseppe Franceschini, has taken the helm in the last couple of years. Italian by birth, he found his calling to his craft at an early age. Originally from Padua, he studied oenology at Udine and has experience making wine in the regions of the Veneto, Friuli, Sicily, and Mendoza. He brings to Alpamanta a philosophy encompassing different world styles and a passion for bringing forth the best expression of the grapes.

From Alpamanta: Our single vineyard estate located at 950 m.a.s.l (3117 ft) in Ugarteché, Luján de Cuyo, enjoys very good thermal amplitude, arid climate, alluvial soils, and pure water from the Andes Range. Our organic and biodynamic practices allow for a true expression of the vineyard characteristics in the wine. Our organic wines are elaborated with the ultimate vinification technology reducing human intervention and environmental impact to the minimum: we use no pesticide nor fungicide, few sulfites, native yeasts and ecological packaging.

"Natal" Malbec



Varietal/Blend: Malbec

Farming Practices: Argencert certified organic and Demeter certified biodynamic

Vineyard: estate

Vineyard Size: 12 acres total

Elevation: 950 m.a.s.l.

Soil: alluvial

Harvest Technique: manual picking into 15kg boxes

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: fermented between 22 and 28°C with 15 days of maceration

Malolactic: yes

Maturation: 10 months in stainless steel tank

Alcohol: 14%

Acidity: 3.80 pH // 6.64 g/L

RS: 2.51 g/L

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Country: Argentina

Region: Luján de Cuyo

Subregion: Ugarteché

"Alpamanta Estate Malbec is elaborated with the best grapes of our vineyard. It expresses aromas of black fruits, berries and vanilla. In mouth, it is concentrated and full-bodied, has ripe tannin and a firm finish."

- Winemaker's Notes