



mapema

primera zona

The Philosophy

In winemaking, two heads are definitely better than one when trying to make an incredible wine. Longtime friends and winemakers Pepe Galante and Mariano Di Paola banded together in 1999 to bring well over 40 years of winemaking expertise to their mapema wine. There is a history of rich individual accomplishments; Pepe and Mariano are widely recognized as two of Argentina's most talented winemakers. They joined forces with one thought in mind: take the expertise and experience of two seasoned winemakers, search out the best possible grape sources (in the "primera zona" or top viticultural area), and make just one super wine from each harvest. This is their third release.

The Details

Vintage:	2002
Varietal Composition:	50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Malbec, 20% Merlot
Locations: (Department-District)	Lujan de Cuyo-Agrelo, San Carlos-La Consulta, Tupungato-Villa Bastias
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,260 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	22 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Press Handling:	100% free-run
Oak Regimen:	12 months in 100% new French barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.6
T.A.	5.32
Total Case Production:	1000 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

Intense red color with violet tones, aromas of black cherry, red plum, cocoa, and sweet vanillin oak. In the mouth, it comes right at you with a burst of black cherry and tangy red fruit, and trails into delicate flavors of chocolate, tobacco, coffee and oak. It achieves that elusive combination of concentration, complexity and finesse. Great with foods like veal chops, duck with fruit sauces, beef, lamb, grilled or roasted chicken, and game birds.

About the Name/Label

Mapema is a combination of the first two letters of the partners' first names—Mariano seemed to think that he was more important, so his appears twice! The label displays three grape vines following harvest—vines that have done everything in their power to produce grapes that will go on to create a great wine. It is a feeling that the two winemaking partners share with each other and express in their wine.

