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Locura

The Philosophy

Ernesto Catena had a vision to create a wine that was the ultimate expression of Argentine winemaking. What is more representative than a bold red wine made from Argentina's three emblematic grapes, each from the best growing region for these varietals. This blend of Malbec, Bonarda, and Torrontes combines the different vineyard profiles of the famous Uco Valley (La Consulta), Eastern Mendoza (Rivadavia) and high-altitude Salta (Cafayate) into one remarkable well-integrated wine.

The Details

Vintage:	2005
Varietal Composition:	85% Malbec, 15% Bonarda, 5% Torrontes co-fermented with the Malbec
Vineyard Locations:	La Consulta, Rivadavia, Cafayate
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,600 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	39 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Press Handling:	No press wine
Oak Regimen:	18 months in 100% new French oak
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	14.2%
Total Case Production:	450 bottles, magnums only.

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

This dark, almost black-red wine blends a nose of dark berry aromas with juicy, fruity blackberry and plum flavors on the palate. Add in the hint of caramel and coffee and the long unforgettable finish, and you will find you cannot put down your wine glass. This big, bold blend is a real treat that is sure to be the star on your dining room table.

About The Label/Name

There are few wine brands that reflect the sensibilities of their owner more than Tikal. A skilled horseman, fashion designer, software developer, and book editor, Ernesto pursues all that gives pleasure in life. He has named his wines with passion in mind: *Patriota* (Patriot), *Amorio* (Love Affair), *Jubilo* (Rejoice), and now the latest addition *Locura* (Madness). Ernesto named this particular wine *Locura* since many believe it is "madness" that such unique and geographically diverse varietals could produce such a smooth, balanced, and serious wine. The original artwork for the label was created by Ernesto's close friend and artist, Ariel Mlynarzewicz, whose artwork also inspired the labels for *Patriota*, *Amorio*, and *Jubilo*.

Suggested Retail Price: \$200



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