



# A Ñ O R O

## El Regalo Malbec

### **The Philosophy**

Añoro is a joint venture between Vine Connections (VC), Master Sommelier Ken Fredrickson, and his wife, Licy. We formed a partnership to use our extensive experience to make Argentina's top wines for enjoying with fine food, whether at a 3-star Michelin restaurant or at one's own home. Our winemaking philosophy is pretty straightforward: seek out growers who intimately understand and respect the treasures that are their grapevines, and then simply serve as a guide to those grapes until they reach the bottle. Minimal intervention, minimal handling, aging in some of the world's most refined French oak barrels, and bottling unfiltered and unfiltered lets us capture the purest expression of the grapes and creates wines that meld seamlessly with fine cuisine.

### **The Details**

Vintage:	2006
Varietal Composition:	90% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard Locations:	San Carlos - La Consulta, Tupungato
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	2,760 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	69 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	14 months in 100% new French barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	13.5%
T.A.	5.55
pH:	3.65
Total Case Production	150 cases

### **Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions**

Violet-red and very intense, with black and red fruit aromas, hints of tobacco and chocolate from the contact with the oak. In the mouth, it is very complex with a combination of blackberry liqueur, smoke, and sweet earth. Shows great structure combining heady fruit flavors with strong tannin structure and a long, persistent finish. Definitely a special occasion wine, it will pair well with strong-flavored foods, marinated/grilled meats, and fancier ingredients like truffles, exotic mushrooms, and foie gras.

### **About the Name/Label**

Añoro (pronounced 'ahn-your-o') is a unique word with no direct translation into English. In Spanish it often refers to the act of reminiscing or dreaming of a special time in one's past. For us, it means "a dream" in the sense that we aspire to create something special in the future. El Regalo means "the gift" and refers to the amazing bounty that Mendoza's old-vine Malbec vineyards bestow on us each harvest.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$40**



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