



## MENDEL

### *Finca Remota*

#### **The Philosophy**

Mendel Winery embodies the union of Roberto de la Mota—one of Argentina's most respected and experienced winemakers—with a nearly century-old Argentine family whose sole objective is to produce wines of unquestionable, superior quality that express the character of their very old Malbec and Cabernet vineyards in Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina. They choose the best lots from their almost 80-year-old vineyards, and every artisan winemaking step is rigorously performed, from careful bunch sorting to fermentation in small tanks to aging in the finest French oak. Ancient vineyards, passionate people, experience and friendship are all blended to create these remarkable wines.

#### **The Details**

Vintage:	2006
Varietal Composition:	100% Malbec
Vineyard Locations:	La Consulta-Altamira
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,400 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	60 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	12 months in 100% new French Taransaud barrels, then 6 more months in 100% new French Taransaud barrels
Fining:	1 egg white/barrel
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	14.1%
pH:	3.6
Total Case Production:	400 cases/3-packs (1200 bottles)

The-3-pack case allows you to experience 1 bottle in the next year or so (we suggest decanting so that the wine fully opens up), 1 bottle at 5 years, and 1 bottle at 10 years. You may want to buy an extra 3-pack too in case you regret not having more after bottle #3!

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

Dark as night, a basket of enticing floral aromas (especially violets), Malbec's intense red and black fruit flavors, and superbly integrated French oak notes. Serve with rich foods like steak with a port reduction, duck with an intense cherry sauce, or a slowly-braised veal shank.

#### **About Name**

Words on paper can hardly do justice to this wine. Roberto took some of Argentina's most pristine, cool-district Malbec fruit from Mendel's recently acquired 60-year-old vineyard 120km south of Mendoza City (hence the name Finca Remota = Faraway Ranch), let it hang 20 days longer than even their super grapes in Lujan de Cuyo, and made 4 barrels of liquid jewelry.

**Suggested Retail Price: \$115**



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