



## MENDEL Malbec

### 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:	Lujan de Cuyo—Mayor Drummond
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,280 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	78 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	12 months in 40% new French barriques, 60% second use
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	13.9%
Total Case Production:	3500 cases

### Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

Incredible dark red/purple color. The aromas of sweet French oak and espresso get more complex with every swirl of the glass, unveiling black raspberry, blueberry and rose petal aromas. The wine is full-bodied, dense, deep and chewy with flavors of black raspberry, plums, cola, roasted coffee and caramel notes. Definitely a youngster with plenty of ripe tannins for structure, but this beauty could be enjoyed now with a nice ribeye steak or leg of lamb since it shows incredible balance for such a concentrated wine.

### About the Name/Label

Mendel is the first name of the owner's father, a man who came to Argentina as a young immigrant and who ended up a successful businessman in several different industries. He was also a man who came to love the finest things that life could offer, particularly wine. His children honor their father by seeking perfection in their wines with his name on the label.

### Previous Vintage Notable Reviews

2004 Mendel Malbec – **91 pts**, *Wine & Spirits*; **90 pts**, *Wine Spectator*

2005 Mendel Malbec – **93 pts**, Robert Parker Jr's *The Wine Advocate*

