



MENDEL UNUS

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:	70% Malbec, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon
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:	16 months in 100% new French barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	14.0%
Total Case Production:	3500 cases (6-packs)

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

Incredible dark purple color. The aromas of dark cherries, plums and roasted cocoa come leaping out of the glass. This is a big but very suave wine with layers of ripe cherry and berry fruits, and the cocoa and vanilla flavors simply make this wine's finish go on and on and on. There are loads of ripe, soft tannins, so this wine will certainly age beautifully for a decade or longer, but the temptation to drink it right away may be too much to resist. Serve with absolutely any red-wine friendly food and you will have a ball!

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 Unus – **92 pts**, *Wine Spectator*; **91 pts**, *Wine & Spirits*

2005 Mendel Unus – **94 pts**, Robert Parker Jr's *The Wine Advocate*; **90+ pts**, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*; **90 pts**, *Wine Spectator*

