

Matías Riccitelli, Mendoza Malbec The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Tree (2020)

Producer	Matías Riccitelli
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Malbec
Region	Mendoza, Argentina
Appellation	Mendoza
Vintage	2020



Sizes

750 mL x 12 — 12-006-03-20

Bottles	\$/bottle	\$/case	\$/oz
1	12.00	144.00	0.47
24	11.40	136.80	0.45
48	10.80	129.60	0.43

Distributor's notes

From grapes grown in two different places: 50% come from estate vineyards in Perdriel by the side of the Mendoza River (rocky soils, clay and caliche) and the remainder from grapes grown in high elevation plots at 1400m over sand and limestones soils located in Gualtallary. The grapes are hand harvested, destemmed and go into concrete vats with spontaneous fermentation between 26° to 28° degrees C for some weeks. Aging continues in used French oak barrels until the following vintage. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered, and low to no SO2 at bottling.

About the producer

Matias Riccitelli was born in Cafayate, Salta, a little village in the north of Argentina, a place where you can actually breathe wine. He moved to mendoza with his family, where he studied winemaking, few years later Matias became as a winemaker for one of the most prestigious wineries in Argentina. A traveler and a tireless dreamer, after taking part of countless harvests all over the wine world, where he gathered lots of anecdotes, he eventually decided to join these experiences with Jorge Riccitelli's teachings (his father and mentor) and he established Riccitelli Wines in 2009.

The winery is located in Las Compuertas (1100 meters above sea level). It is the highest area of Lujan de Cuyo, where we have 20 hectares of ungrafted old vineyards. We also work with minor growers that own their lands at the bottom of the Andes halfway between 1000 and 1700 masl such as Gualtallary, Chacayes, Altamira and La Carrera.

In 2015 we started a new project. We revalued old vineyards Semillon, Merlot and Malbec from the argentinian Patagonia. They come from vineyards that were planted by the end of the sixties and that are located in Rio Negro high valley.

Our harvests are handmade, in this way we keep the integrity of each cluster of grapes. After this they are dropped into little concrete vats. What we want from our vineyards is to secure the best expression of our terroir keeping the highest purity and delicacy in winemaking and also in aging, taking care about their singularity in order to obtain vibrant wines. These great diversity of soils highly influenced by height, shows Argentinian great potential in winemaking and that is what we want to express with our wines.
