



Artesana

2018

CABERNET FRANC-MERLOT CANELONES, URUGUAY

"Handcrafting iconic wines that express the unique terroir of Uruguay's acclaimed Canelones region."

ARTESANA is a boutique winery in the Canelones region of Uruguay specializing in Tannat and Tannat blends, the signature varietal of Uruguay. Our estate vineyard is entirely hand-farmed using sustainable practices. Meticulous protocol is followed to produce low yield, beautifully balanced fruit. 20 acres of the 80-acre estate are planted to Tannat, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Zinfandel, the only planting of this variety in Uruguay.

WINEMAKING

Artesana wines are handcrafted with minimal intervention allowing the character of the fruit to be expressed. Gentle handling techniques are practiced throughout the process. Lots from the various Cabernet Franc and Merlot blocks were fermented separately in small stainless steel tanks. 10-day cool maceration regimes provided excellent aroma and flavor extraction. Barrel aging was done in one to four year-old French oak for 12 months to carefully accentuate the flavors of the wines. Custom blended and bottled without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

Refreshing aromas reminiscent of cassis and cherry accompany menthol notes on a background of cedar. In the mouth it is well-rounded and rich with aromatic and flavor persistence. It is a wine true to the vintage, the region and the people who make it.

VARIETAL: 55% Cabernet Franc - 45% Merlot

AGING: 12 months in one to four year-old French oak

ANALYSIS: ABV 14%; RS 1.9 g/l; pH 3.32; TA 5.84 g/l

PRODUCTION: 265 cases

WINEMAKERS: Analía Lazaneo & Valentina Gatti