

# Cara Sur Tinto 2019

This hand harvested wine is a blend of Bonarda and Barbera from a single vineyard in the Calingasta Valley. The wine predominantly shows notes of strawberry syrup, almond, and cocoa with secondary notes of walnuts, cranberry, and baking spices. The palate is rich with red fruits and strong tannins that lead to a full bodied finish.



Vintage: 2019

Varietal: 85% Bonarda Piemontese, 15% Barbera, Grignolino, and a few yet to be identified varieties

Case Production 12 pack: 816

Alcohol Content: 13.5%

Region / Location: Barreal, Calingasta Valley, San Juan

Vineyard: Finca Maggio, 3.5 acres

Planted: Approximately 1950

Altitude: 4920ft

Farming Practices: Sustainable

Soil Type: Alluvial

Trellis System: Parral (Pergola)

Yield: 816

Stem Inclusion: 100%

Yeast: Native

Winemaker: Pancho Bugallo & Sebastian Zuccardi

Élevage: 8 months in Concrete Egg

Lees Contact:

Filtration Method: Unfiltered and Unfined

Maceration / Fermentation: 30 day

UPC Code: None

Cara Sur was formed in 2011 as a partnership between two couples inspired to revive ancestral vines and produce wines from traditional Argentine varieties. Sebastián Zuccardi and Marcela Manini teamed up with Nuria Año Gargiulo and Pancho Burgallo, an avid mountaineering couple who live in Barreal, in the Calingasta Valley of San Juan, north of Mendoza. They produce wines from 80 year old vines of Moscatel, Moscatel Negro, Bonarda Piedmontese, and Criolla Chica (the Argentine iteration of Pais). The vines are Parral trained, a ceiling-trellised system that provides shade and maximizes airflow. The vineyard sits alongside the Los Patos River on stony soil at 1500 meters above sea level. The Cara Sur wines are made in a tiny winery next to Pancho and Nuria's home where they produce small quantities with minimal intervention. Sebastian and Marcela regularly make the trip north to work alongside Pancho and Nuria. The quartet are producing some of the most unique wines from one of the most underrated microclimates of Argentina. Cara Sur translates to South Face and refers to the more challenging approach to Cerro Mercedario one of Argentina's tallest peaks, which can be seen from Barreal.