

Zorzal Gran Terroir Pinot Noir 2016

This hand harvested, single vineyard, from Gualtallary is 100% Pinot Noir and spends 12 months in French oak barrels. Notes of strawberry, cherry, mushroom, baking spices, and clove are lifted from the glass. This leads into powdered white sugar, vanilla, blackberry, and cinnamon notes on the palate with smooth tannins and medium acidity. A long finish persists with caramel red apple, tobacco, and cola qualities.



Vintage: 2016
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Case Production 12 pack: 750
Alcohol Content: 14.00%
Region / Location: Gualtallary, Uco Valley
Vineyard: Tupungato Winelands, 8 acres
Planted: Planted in 2007
Altitude: 4,264 feet
Farming Practices: Sustainable
Soil Type: Sand, chalk, stones
Trellis System: Espalier
Yield: 750
Stem Inclusion: 30%
Yeast: Native
Winemaker: Juan P. Michelini
Élevage: 14 months in 225L and 500L French Barrique
Lees Contact:
Filtration Method: Light Cartridge
Maceration / Fermentation: Malolactic
UPC Code: 813495010771

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Zorzal is a young, boutique winery that was started in 2007 by the Michelini brothers, Gerardo, Matias, and Juan Pablo along with a group of investors. The winery and vineyards are located in the Gualtallary subregion of the Uco Valley at approximately 4500 feet above sea level. The estate consists of 70 hectares on a unique blend of sand, stones, and limestone and is planted to multiple varieties including Malbec, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, as well as several other varieties. The grapes are all hand harvested and the vision is to have a light hand in the winemaking to let the fruit and terroir shine. The winery practices a combination of organic and sustainable farming in the vineyards and they use only indigenous yeast in the wine making process. Zorzal tends to pick its grapes a little earlier (greener) than most in Mendoza to retain freshness and acidity in their wines instead of the overblown ripeness that is too often seen. Neal Martin (Wine Advocate) commented on the Michelini Bros. wines that "Their passion and commitment, their spirituality and, for want of a better word, "purity" in terms of doing what they do for the love of it rather than financial reward, brought to mind the Lopez de Heredia sisters in Rioja. If you want cutting edge, meticulously crafted Argentinean wines hot footed from one of the most exciting sub-regions (Gualtallary), then look no further."

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