

Zorzal Porfiado 2010

This hand harvested, 100% Pinot Noir is from two separate sections of a single vineyard in Gualtallary. A ripe, fresh and very pretty nose features notes of violets, raspberries, strawberries and earth that are highlighted by a vibrant chalk and graphite component. There is good balance to the delicious and energetic flavors with subtle, smooth tannins which linger with impressive authority and length. Only four barrels produced!



Vintage: 2010
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Case Production 12 pack:
Alcohol Content: 14.00%
Region / Location:
Vineyard: Tupungato Winelands, 12 acres
Planted: Planted in 2007
Altitude: 4,264 feet
Farming Practices:
Soil Type: Calcareous
Trellis System: Espalier
Yield:
Stem Inclusion:
Yeast:
Winemaker: Juan P. Michelini
Élevage: 30% for 3 years, 70% for 10 months
Lees Contact:
Filtration Method:
Maceration / Fermentation: Indigenous Yeast, Natural
UPC Code: 813495011389

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VINEYARDS & WINERY

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 varietals including Malbec, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, as well as several other varietals. 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 it's 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-region (Gualtallary), then look no further."

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