

Cara Sur Parcela Los Nidos 2018

This 100% hand harvested wine is mostly Bonarda Piedmontese and is from Barreal, San Juan. The nose shows blackberry, cassis liqueur, black cherry, vanilla, and nutmeg. The palate is rich with a dense core of wild strawberry jam and leather. Medium tannins lead to a refined finish.



Vintage: 2018
Varietal: 85% Bonarda Piedmontese, 15% Barbera, Grignolino, and a few yet to be identified varieties
Case Production 12 pack: 100
Alcohol Content: 13.5%
Region / Location: Barreal, Calingasta Valley, San Juan
Vineyard: Parcela Los Nidos, Paraje Hilario, 1.2 acres
Planted: Approximately 1940
Altitude: 4920ft
Farming Practices: Sustainable
Soil Type: Alluvial
Trellis System: Parral (Pergola)
Yield: 100
Stem Inclusion: 100%
Yeast: Native
Winemaker: Pancho Bugallo & Sebastian Zuccardi
Élevage: 8 months in Concrete Egg and 1 year in bottle
Lees Contact:
Filtration Method: Unfiltered and Unfined
Maceration / Fermentation: 70 days including aeration

CARA SUR

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.

