



MONTCALM
WINE IMPORTERS, LTD



Argentina



WINERY	Bodega Benegas
WINE	Finca Libertad
COUNTRY	Argentina
REGION	Mendoza
VARIETAL	34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Cabernet Franc, 33% Merlot (all from ungrafted, old vines)
LOCATION OF VINEYARDS	Libertad Estate Vineyard, Upper Mendoza River Banks
ALTITUDE	850 mt asl (2,800 feet)
VINIFICATION	Vinification in concrete vats.
AGING	18 months in French oak barrels.
ALCOHOL CONTENT	14.5%
TOTAL PRODUCTION	18,000 bottles
OENOLOGIST	Federico Benegas Lynch
NOTES	Grapes are sourced from estate-owned vineyard called Finca Libertad which comprises approximately 40 hectares located in the Upper Mendoza River Bank. It boasts some of the oldest vines in the area, all ungrafted and not clones: Cabernet Franc was planted in 1888, Cabernet Sauvignon was planted in 1927 and the Merlot was planted in 1962. Traditional irrigation with pure water coming from the Andes Mountains, due to the desertic climate.

TASTING NOTES

Inspired by the great wines of Bordeaux, this blend of old-vine Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot (all in equal parts) displays delicate aromas, refinement and complexity, together with an optimum ripeness and elegance. A well balanced wine with good acidity, ripe tannins and lasting fruit aromas. Enjoy with a hearty meal of red meat, lamb and aged cheeses.

ABOUT THE WINERY

Bodega Benegas is the result of Federico Benegas Lynch's effort and passion. The current owner, Federico was born and grew up on the historic 'El Trapiche' winery which had been founded by his grandfather Tiburcio Benegas in 1883. The property stayed with the family for 4 generations until it was sold in the 1970's. It was in 1998 that Federico was able to fully return to his own wine business when he bought "La Libertad" vineyard located in the Upper Mendoza River Bank, an old family estate and an exclusive old winery that had belonged to his mother's family. The winery, built in 1901 in the traditional 'adobe' style (mud and straw mixed) is one of the few historic relics in the area. Federico restored it preserving its original details and fitted it with the necessary technology to produce excellent wines. Blessed with excellent grapes sourced from top sites and old vines, Benegas offers a full range of Argentine wines that are sure to please all palates and pockets.

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