

Desafío

2008 Vintage Calchaqui Valley, Salta Northwest Argentina

Vintage: 2008

Composition: 78% Malbec

15% Tannat

7% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 16.5%

Barrel Aged: 100% aged for 29 months in new oak barrels

Fining & Filtration: None

Serving Recommended at

Temperature: 15°C (59°F)

Vines: 60-80 year old vineyard

Conduction

System:

High canopy and vertical shoot positioning

Soil Type: Sandy with decomposed granite and quartz

Climate: High altitude semi-desert

Altitude: 1800 meters (5900 feet) above sea level

The Calchaqui Valley, Salta, lies in the northwestern region of Argentina in the eastern foothills of the Andes Mountains, 1800 meters above sea level. The high altitude provides a unique growing climate for the vineyards, with temperatures low at night and great exposure to the sun throughout each day. With a dry climate too, these conditions allow the grapes to mature slowly, giving the wine an exceptionally concentrated flavor. With perfect ripeness of the grapes, this translates into delicious concentration of soft tannins.

Desafio 2008 is a blend consisting of 78% Malbec, 15% Tannat, and 7% Cabernet Sauvignon. The supple sweet tannins with luscious plum and leather notes of the Malbec are balanced with the spice of the Tannat, finished with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon, for complexity and firmness. Sediments may be present in this unfiltered and unfined wine.