



Desafío

2009 Vintage
Calchaqui Valley, Salta
Northwest Argentina

Vintage:	2009
Composition:	80% Malbec 15% Tannat 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	17.3%
Barrel Aged:	100% aged for 30 months in new oak barrels
Fining & Filtration:	None
Serving Temperature:	Recommended at 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.

Desafío 2009 is a blend consisting of 80% Malbec, 15% Tannat, and 5% 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 unfinned wine.