



Antucura Gran Vin 2007

Wine Maker: Herve Chagneau
Consulting Wine Maker: Michel Rolland
Appellation: Uco Valley - Mendoza
Varietal: 50% Cab, 30% Merlot, 20% Malbec
Yields per acre: 2.2 tons/acre
Wood treatment: New French oak barrels
Length of barrel maturation: 16 months

Alcohol: 15.4%
pH: 3.7
Total Acid: 5.7 g/l
Residual Sugar: 2.64 g/l
Total Sulfur: 102 mg/l



UPC #: 752183281218

Viticultural Practices: Varietal Composition of wine: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon / 30% Merlot / 20% Malbec Wood aging parameters (type of wood, age of barrels, time in barrels): 16 months in new French oak barrels, then bottles were stored for 12 months with controlled temperature light and humidity before releasing. Extended maceration for up to 45 days ensures the soft tannins and an elegant profile. The Gran Vin is aged for 16 months in the French oak barrels and held in our cool cellars to develop in bottle for several years.

Wine Makers Notes: View: Light ruby color with reflections of evolution in the range of browns. Nose: delicate aroma of ripe red fruit, complex and very good match between the barrel and the wine. Perceived notes of vanilla and caramel. Taste: aromatic, with finesse and attack soft tannins and long. It has a full expression, with a final harmonious and persistent.

Score(s): 91 pts Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Advocate (JM) - The 2007 Gran Vin is made up of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and 20% Malbec aged for 18 months in new French oak. More marked by the oak than the Calcura cuvee, it sports an inviting nose of pain grille, pencil lead, earthy minerals, floral notes, black currant, and blackberry. It is slightly more structured, with 2-3 years of aging potential, good balance, and a lengthy, pure finish.

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90 pts Wine Enthusiast (MS) - Smooth, subtle and ripe, this has cola, blackberry and subtle spice aromas that sit nicely in the glass. It's jammy, rich and dense on the palate, with sweet-tasting berry flavors. The finish shows spice and pastry notes. Only 500 cases were made of this blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 20% Malbec. Drink now-2015.