



# Viña Alicia

## Brote Negro Malbec 2012

**Wine Maker:** Arizu Family  
**Appellation:** Las Compuertas, Luján de Cuyo  
**Varietal:** Malbec  
**Yields per Acre:** 2.5 t/acre  
**Cases Produced:** 230 cases  
**Filtration and fining:** Cold Stabilization  
**Wood treatment:** French oak barrels  
**Length of barrel maturation:** 16 months

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**Alcohol %:** 14.5  
**Total Acid:** 5 g/l  
**Free/Total Sulfur:** 19 mg  
**pH:** 3.65  
**Residual Sugar:** 1.4

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**UPC #:** 752183281720

**Wine Makers Notes:** It is a deep crimson wine, with aromas of fresh fruit and taste of liquorices, damson plum, violets, raspberries and touches of vanilla, raisins and spices.

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**Score(s): 96 pts Descorchados (PT)** - "Profound, rich in spices, and complex like few others"

**93 pts James Suckling** - A balanced and decadent red with blackberry, plum skin and berry character. Mineral and floral undertone too. Full and silky. An excellent example of new precision in winemaking in Mendoza.

**91 pts Stephen Tanzer's IWC (ST)** - (aged for 16 months in 50% new and 50% once-used French oak): Saturated medium ruby to the rim. Superripe aromas of blackberry, cassis, raspberry, licorice and molten dark chocolate are accented by a note of crushed pepper. Concentrated, sweet and deep but in a rather sullen stage today; ripe and creamy but with a restrained sweetness to its flavors of dark fruits, violet and spices. This youthfully aggressive but highly distinctive Malbec is most impressive today on the serious, very long finish, which features smooth, rich tannins and an almost chocolatey sweetness. The "black shoot" is made from a rare Malbec biotype scattered through a very old vineyard in Las Compuertas. -- Stephen Tanzer

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