



WINE DATA

Producer

Bodegas Bianchi

Region

San Rafael, Mendoza

Country

Argentina

Wine Composition

100% Chardonnay

Alcohol

12.5%

Total Acidity

6.8 G/L

Residual Sugar

1.6 G/L

pH

3.2

DESCRIPTION

This young wine offers an attractive greenish color with intense aromas of green apple and a touch of tropical fruits. On the palate, it is very fresh, with a slight sweetness. It is a medium volume wine in tannins and structure.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Chardonnay grapes come from the company's own vineyards in the Rama Caida & Las Paredes districts in the region of San Rafael, Mendoza. The blending of grapes from different plots enables added complexity, aromas and flavors. Finca Las Paredes, situated at 2400 feet above sea level, has sandy calcareous soils of alluvial origin that will transmit mineral notes to the wine. The loamy-sandy composition of Finca Dona Elsa has a greater bolder concentration with calcareous sediments that provide freshness and different mineral notes. Grapes are de-stemmed, and the must is sent to the pneumatic presses through a cold-water exchanger to lower its temperature, before being placed in stainless steel tanks at 46 ° F. Once this process is complete, fermentation begins with selected yeasts at 59 ° F. After fermentation, the wine is left to rest so the fine lees settle; these are removed weekly to achieve greater complexity in the mouth. The wine then spends 3 months in the bottle.

INTERESTING FACTS

Food friendly wines that are enjoyable on their own, Elsa Bianchi wines are named after Dona Elsa, the late grandmother of the current Bianchi owners, who started the winery with her husband. Her first home, a small "casa" still sits among the vineyards that also bear her name.