

ENZO BIANCHI

2020 GRAN CORTE

San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina

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TASTING NOTES: Aromas of red fruits, ripe black fruits, floral and spicy notes, and fresh herbs merge elegantly with chocolate and vanilla. It is a very complex wine with magnificent structure, silky tannins and highly-balanced acidity. This wine has excellent potential for aging.

VITICULTURE: The grapes come from a 30-year-old vineyard in Finca Asti, situated in Las Paredes in San Rafael, Mendoza, 2,461 feet above sea level. This historic vineyard has always produced exceptional Malbecs and Cabernet Sauvignons that Enzo Bianchi, who was Chief Winemaker for 50 years, used as the basis for this great wine. The soil is alluvial with a sandy-silt texture. This organic-poor soil, combined with proper irrigation management, allows for perfect plant balance. Layers of medium-sized rocks are covered by light calcareous layers that contribute the wine's mineral notes.

VINIFICATION: The wine went through classical fermentation in stainless steel tanks, and cold maceration for 48 hours, with frequent pump-over. The wine spent 12 months in 100% French oak barrels. After stabilization, filtering and bottling, the final wine was bottled-aged an additional 12 months.

FAMILY: One dream. One family legacy. Two terroirs. Since 1928, these three pillars have been the lasting values that have guided Argentina's Bodegas Bianchi for four generations. This family-owned winery is situated in the sub-regions of both the Uco Valley and San Rafael. San Rafael is one of only two DOCs in Argentina. It's farther south than the Uco, so the climate tends to be a bit warmer, with sandy soils and lower altitudes. However, the east-west orientation of the mountain ranges allows for a funneling of cool air from the Andes resulting in longer hangtime for the grapes. Bodegas Bianchi is a leader in San Rafael, producing wines with excellent structure and complexity. Water management and energy efficiency have made Bodegas Bianchi one of the most sustainable and innovative wineries in Argentina. Silvio Alberto, chief winemaker and one of the most well-known winemakers in all of Argentina, relishes marrying the traditions of yesteryear with the modern processes of today such as using clay amphorae for the winery's top Malbecs and red blends.

PRODUCER: Bodegas Bianchi

REGION: San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina

GRAPE(S): 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Malbec, 21% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

SKU: BEG206

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3 G/L

pH: 3.45