

Matetic Corralillo Winemaker's Blend

"Press Highlights"

2018

• 90 – WINE ADVOCATE, August 31, 2021

"The spicy and smoky 2018 Corralillo Winemaker's Blend was produced with Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Malbec and matured in French oak barrels for 18 months. I found it unusually ripe and a little developed. It has a medium to full-bodied palate and abundant tannins. It needs powerful food."

2017

• 92 – WINE ADVOCATE, February 2020

"The red 2016 Corralillo Winemaker's Blend is around 50% Syrah and equal parts Cabernet Franc and Malbec that fermented and matured separately in French barriques for 18 months. It's a good reflection of the slightly lighter and spicy wines from 2016. It has character and is clean, focused and defined, juicy and very tasty, with very fine tannins and great freshness. This is truly impressive and, like many wines here, overdelivers for the price."

2016

• 92 – JAMES SUCKLING, April 2019

2015

• 94 – JAMES SUCKLING, March 2018

"The purity of fruit on the nose of currants, spices, herbs, dust, charcoal and citrus undertones. Bright and so vivid on the palate with ripe yet really polished tannins that envelop raw blue fruit in juicy acidity before closing out fruity but with such finesse and minerality. Drink now or hold."

• 92 - WINE ADVOCATE, October 2018

"The one blend (for now) is the 2015 Corralillo Winemaker's Blend, which mixes Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Malbec, where the three grapes seem to work together nicely. The grapes were fermented separately and then blended to achieve the texture, aromas and spiciness they look for. Syrah is around half of the volume and tends to dominate. It's serious and balanced, with harmony and purity. 31,500 bottles were filled in July 2017."

2014

• 91 – WINE ADVOCATE, April 2017

"... The wine matured in French barrels for 16 months, including malolactic. None of these wines are explosive or in-your-face; the house style is restrained, elegant and fresh wines, so the blend couldn't be different. However, I don't think the blend increases complexity, and the wine is also more about the place than the varieties. It's medium-bodied and harmonious, nicely integrated and balanced. A spicy blend."