

Ruca Malen

Kinien Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Kinien is a word from the Mapuche language meaning "unique." This is the icon line of wines produced by Ruca Malen.

Tasting Notes:

A beautifully complex bouquet of black and red fruit combined with sweet spices and bell pepper and subtle hints of smoke and caramel from oak aging. The flavors are concentrated with rounded tannins that are velvety smooth on the palate through the long, persistent finish. Serve with grilled, thick cuts of beef cooked rare. This wine will reward additional cellaring.

Vineyards:

Region: Vista Flores, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina
Vineyard Name: Various
Vineyard Size: 3.5 hectares
Training Method: Vertical trellis
Planting Density: 5,000 vines/hectare
Soil Composition: Sandy loam atop a rocky layer, low in organic matter
Elevation: 1,100 meters

Winemaking:

Harvest: A very selective manual harvest was conducted by hand in mid April.
Fermentation: Fermented for 9 days in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature of 27°C. The wine remained in contact with the skins for the following 28 days. Periodic pump-overs were conducted and it was filtered before bottling.

Aging:

16 months in new French oak barrels, followed by 12 months in bottle

Technical Data:

Alcohol: 14.1%
pH: 3.70
Residual Sugar: 2.5 grams/liter
Acidity: 6.4 grams/liter
Dry Extract: 39.0 grams/liter

Production Quantity: 415 cases



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