

# Virgen

## Virgen Vineyards USDA Organic Red Blend 2024



### Tupungato, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina



#### Background:

"Virgen" defines our USDA-certified, no-sulfites-added, vegan, organic wines, the purest expression of our pristine, high-desert Tupungato Valley terroir in Argentina's Mendoza region. Here, sandy/gravel soils, year-round sunshine and drastic day-to-night temperature shifts combine for exceptional conditions in which to grow healthy, high quality organic grapes. The result: super-flavorful, fresh-tasting, naturally elegant wines. Starting with the 2022 vintage, our Virgen Vineyards wines are Regenerative Organic Certified.

#### Soil:

Poor sandy gravel soils with good drainage.

#### Vineyards:

Thanks to the dryness of the area and its phylloxera-resistant sandy soil, farming organically at Domaine Bousquet from day one was both possible and smart. The three main factors differentiating this virgin vineyard and its terroir are: the near constant breezes from the Andes to the west which help mitigate heat-stress in this desert-like climate, with its huge day/night temperature differentials, the sandy soils result in low fertility for desirable vine stress and yet are permeable for good drainage. In addition, the prevalence of Groundwater, with rainfall averaging a scant 8-inches or less per year, groundwater from Andes snowmelt is vital to irrigate the vines drop-by-drop. In addition to the unique terroir- Roots of organically-grown plants penetrate deeper, absorbing trace minerals that give wines their authentic local taste. Organic farming is healthier for the environment and, vitally, for the people who tend the vines

#### Winemaking:

Hand harvested from mid-March to mid-April. Cold maceration at 10°C / 50°F for 48 hours. Fermentation with native yeasts at a maximum temperature between 25°C / 77°F and 27°C / 81°F for 10 days.

#### Technical Data:

**Varietal:** 35% Malbec; 35% Cabernet Sauvignon; 30% Cabernet Franc.

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**Residual Sugar:** 1.73

**Acidity / PH:** 5.17 / 3.67

#### Tasting Notes:

A summer basket of unadorned, no-oak, no-added-sulfites, fresh, hand-picked, fruit on the palate, the wine is both rich and pure.

#### Pairings:

Ideal with stews, roast meats and semi-hard cheeses.