

Don Rodolfo

2008 Tannat



WINERY:

Don Rodolfo is located in Cafayate valley, one of the world's highest (6,000 feet) altitude viticultural regions. Amid the snow-capped Andes near the border of Bolivia and just below the Tropic of Capricorn, the valley is home to but a handful of wineries, producing only about 4% of some of the best Argentina's wines. The high altitude, arid climate, and rocky, sandy soil rich in Andean minerals, create one of the world's premier grape-growing regions. The crisp, clean air is pollution free and with an average annual rainfall of only about seven inches, irrigation is provided by pure, melted snow. The wide temperature ranges with warm summer days offset by cool nights is key to Don Rodolfo wines, preserving acidity, enhancing richness of aroma/flavor, and increasing superior varietal expression. The brilliant sunshine (average of 350 days each year) exposure to intense solar ultraviolet radiation at high altitudes stimulates polyphenol synthesis in grapes, adding great complexity to the wines. Vines are 16 years old.

DESCRIPTION:

Lovely dark purple color with deep violet undertones. Very fruity on the nose with subtle hints of eucalyptus. Great volume in the mouth, very structured with intense, ripe tannins and a long, well balanced finish.

HARVEST:

By hand

PRODUCTION:

5 tons per acre

SOURCE:

100% Tannat, Cafayate valley

COOPERAGE:

1 year in stainless steel; 3 months in bottle

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 13.5%, T. A.: 5.50 g/l, pH 3.70, RS: 3.20 g/l

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