

VALENTIN BIANCHI LATE HARVEST SEMILLON 2007

PRODUCER

The Bianchi family winery was founded in 1928 by Italian immigrant Valentin Bianchi. It now covers 350 hectares of vineyard, situated 750m above sea level in San Rafael, about 240km south of Mendoza city. This is a cooler area than Mendoza's major vineyard areas of Luján de Cuyo and Agrelo because it is further south, which helps the flavours and perfumes develop more gradually, resulting in more aromatic wines. The estate is now run by the third generation of the family and has undergone a gradual transformation in the past few years, modernising both the winery and the vinification processes. Finca Los Primos comprises a range of excellent value varietals. Familia Bianchi, Particular and Enzo are each a step up in concentration and depth of fruit, from older and lower yielding vineyards.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine are grown on the Doña Elsa Estate, situated in Rama Caída, San Rafael, Mendoza at 750 metres above sea level. Rama Caída is among the coolest areas of San Rafael, with sandy calcareous soils of alluvial origin. Harvest took place by hand.

VINIFICATION

Bianchi follow the traditional French methods for making Sauternes and other similar dessert wines. After naturally occurring botrytis formed on around 40% of the grapes, the best were selected and picked by hand at the end of May, well after the regular grape harvest. Fermentation was in French oak barrels and continued until the cold winter temperatures stopped the process. In the spring, the fermentation started again, until it finally finished naturally due to the combination of alcohol and naturally high sugar concentration. The wine remained in barrels for 12 months until a blend of the best of the barrels was made just prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A rich golden colour with inviting perfumes of honey, citrus rind and stone fruits. A full-bodied wine showing appealing juicy stone fruits alongside gentle vanilla complexity and lively citrus acidity. Perfectly balanced with a lingering finish.

AWARDS

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2007
Grape varieties	95% Semillon 5% Sauvignon Blanc
Region	San Rafael , Argentina
Winemaker	Rodrigo Valdes
Closure	Stelvin
Alcohol (ABV)	13%
Acidity	6.64g/l
Residual Sugar	117.15g/l
Wine pH	3.55
Bottle Size	50cl