



LAYER CAKE MALBEC

MENDOZA ~ ARGENTINA 2009

*"My old grandfather told me the soils in which the vines lived were a layer cake. If properly made, the wine from these vines was like a delicious cake layered with fruit, mocha and chocolate, with hints of spice and rich, always rich. Never pass up a good Layer Cake."
— A. Orlando Tribute, Jayson Woodbridge*

Vineyard Notes: The fruit for Layer Cake Malbec comes from a vineyard that is flanking the Mendoza River in Argentina; a rocky terrain, strikingly similar to that of Chateauneuf du Pape in the Rhône Valley. The once 5 mile wide Mendoza River is now mostly vineyard, abundant with some of Argentina's most pristine Malbec vines. A plethora of smooth cobbles on the top bewilders the eye and imagination as to how the vines actually thrive in such a rugged terrain. Silt and gravel make up the subsoil under the larger cobbles. Our vineyard sits at about 3000 feet of altitude.

Climate: The climate is arid, with very low rainfall totals. Warm days are followed by cool evenings as the breezes from the Andes Mountain ranges flow down to Mendoza Valley floor.

Winemaker Notes: We allow Layer Cake Malbec to ripen thoroughly on the vine. We tend to harvest four to six weeks after all other neighboring vineyards; a crucial element to the wine's quality. Each cluster, once harvested by hand, is then destemmed and sorted – also by hand. Born at the base of the Andes and fed by the purest spring waters...I love this wine.

Tasting Notes: A powerhouse of lush black fruit, silky cocoa, black spice and cream, wrapped around blackberry, cherry and ripe plum in the nose. Sweet anise, hints of tobacco, black chocolate, more cherries and exotic spices, layers of jam follow on the palate. Pure, rich and very elegant, this wine will stand and perform anytime you think of a cabernet and want something just a little more exotic.

Wine Facts:

- 100% Mendoza, Argentina
- 100% Malbec
- 100% French Oak, 40% new
- Alc. 14.2%%
- Bottled June 2010

