



LAYER CAKE MALBEC

MENDOZA ~ ARGENTINA 2010

"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 place.

Tasting Notes: The 2010 Malbec is an absolutely incredible wine and was crafted in a year when the weather was simply perfect to the point of making me nervous. The wine is a classic, rich with black fruits, cocoa, hints of tobacco and leather melding seamlessly with traces of minerality from the alluvial stones the vines thrive in graced by a constant supply of glacial melt water. The wine is fat, layered and boldly rich, an expressive wine with a long luxurious lingering finish that will pair with almost any food and yet stands alone as well. Layer after luscious layer, this is like a ten layer, Layer Cake. This is a Malbec that will be requested for years after we run out. Make sure to save some in your cellar.

Wine Facts:

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

