



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: The Catena Family
Winemaker: Leopoldo Kuschnaroff
Estate founded: 2006
Winery production: 492,000 Bottles
Region: Mendoza
Country: Argentina

Bonarda 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION

The Tilia wines are made at Bodegas Esmeralda in the Eastern region of Mendoza. They are made by Leopoldo Kuschnaroff, a winemaker and viticulturist in charge of all Catena family vineyards in Eastern Mendoza. The Bonarda grapes in Argentina are not the same as the Bonarda grapes in Italy. They are in fact the same grapes known as Douce Noire in France and Charbono in California. Bonarda has become, along with Malbec, one of the signature reds of Argentina. The grapes for this wine come from the El Mirador vineyard in the Eastern region of Mendoza. The soil and climate there offer a perfect atmosphere for growing Bonarda.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe dark fruit aromas with hints of violet and anise give way to a juicy wine with black raspberry and black plum flavors along with notes of black pepper. The finish is soft with velvety tannins.

FOOD PAIRING

Pair this wine with the strong flavors of game or the earthy flavors of mushrooms or with both in a dish like Braised Venison with Cremini Mushrooms.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	The El Mirador and Rivadavia vineyards
Vineyard size:	24 - 370 acres
Soil composition:	Clay
Training method:	Parral
Elevation:	2,600 feet
Vines/acre:	2,200
Exposure:	Northwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1950 - 1970
Harvest time:	April - May
First vintage of this wine:	2006

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Bonarda
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	10 days
Fermentation temperature:	77-82 °F
Maceration technique:	Racking, Punchdown, Pumpovers, Aeration, and Delestage
Length of maceration:	15 days
Type of aging container:	Barriques and Stainless steel tanks
Size of aging container:	225 L
Age of aging container:	10% New
Type of oak:	French and American
Length of aging before bottling:	6 months
Length of bottle aging:	3 months

