

## Domaine Bousquet Reserve *Organic* Pinot Noir

2021

### Background:

Reserve wines from this family-owned estate in the Gualtallary Valley, a scenic, remote, arid terrain high in the Uco Valley in Argentina's Mendoza region, close to the border with Chile, are made from hand-picked, certified organic estate fruit. A 4,000-plus-foot elevation and low yields ensure heightened aromas, structure, and flavor, balanced by a food-friendly fresh acidity.

### Soil:

Sandy loam soil

### Vineyards:

Thanks to the Uco Valley's dry climate and phylloxera-resistant sandy soils, farming organically at Domaine Bousquet, from day one, was not only possible, but expedient. Other factors that set this landscape apart include constant breezes from the Andes to the west, helping mitigate heat-stress in this desert-like climate. Significant day/night temperature differentials contribute enhanced aromatics, while sandy soils result in low fertility, desirable for vine stress and ideal for good drainage. With rainfall averaging a scant 8"/203 mm annually, groundwater from Andes snowmelt is vital for vineyard irrigation. Time has shown that the roots of organically grown vines penetrate deeper, enabling greater access to water in times of drought. Not least, organic farming is decidedly better for the long-term wellbeing of the local environment, as well the people who tend the vines.

### Winemaking:

Hand harvested during the third and fourth week of April. Cold maceration at 10°C/50°F for 48hs. Fermentation with selected yeast at a temperature between 25°C/77°F and 27°C/81°F for 10 days and 14 days of additional maceration. 100% malolactic fermentation and aged in contact with French oak for 6 to 8 months.

### Technical Data:

**Varietal:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Alcohol:** 13,5%

**Acidity-Ph:** 5.25/3.62

**Residual Sugar :** 1,35

### Tasting Notes:

With its silky tannins and aging in French oak, this Reserve Pinot Noir preserves the grape's elegance, while also offering sun-kissed fruit on a rounded palate. The wine is a testament to its Argentine heritage and the French origin of the Bousquet family.

### Pairing:

Ideally pairs with duck, chicken, pork and mushroom dishes.  
Best served at 18°C/65°F.



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