

RICARDO SANTOS



Ricardo Santos has demonstrated a life-long commitment to the Argentinean wine tradition, particularly in regard to Argentina's great varietal—Malbec. The former owner of the renowned winery Norton, Ricardo renounced a career in architecture to pursue his passion for winemaking with the belief that Argentina could make wines equal to the best in the world. He was the first winemaker from Argentina to export Malbec to the U.S. more than 30 years ago.

Ricardo Santos 2007 Malbec is from the single vineyard La Madras, near Mendoza, on the Eastern slopes of the Andes Mountains in Argentina at an altitude of 2,800 feet. Organically farmed grapes are harvested and selected by hand, gently pressed, and only the first pressed juice used. The wine is aged in used French oak for six months.

This Malbec has a striking deep brilliant purple color. The nose is ripe and full, reminiscent of dark cherries, plums, and chocolate with undertones of loam and earth. In the mouth, the wine displays a profound core of ripe, blackberry jam fruit, lengthening into a sophisticated weighty finish coupled with an elegant silkiness. What makes this Malbec so intriguing are the soft, fine tannins on the finish that make it velvety and drinkable—even as a young wine.

Varietal: 100% Malbec
Vineyard age: 15 years
pH: 3.65

"There is a select group of under-\$20 Malbecs from Argentina that really do the country and the variety proud. Santos is one of them."

—The Wine Enthusiast

NEW

2008 Semillon



While Ricardo built his reputation on Malbec, he has always wanted to make a crisp, fruity white wine to pair with simple, classic foods. Recently, he was inspired by the Semillon grapes that his friend and neighbor Roberto Azareto grows on his 70-year-old vineyard. The wine has an intense yellow color with delicate, fruity aromas. The flavor is grassy with a fruity acidity and no oak.

Varietal: 100% Semillon
Vineyard age: 70 years
pH: 3.36

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