

## 2021 Zuccardi Q Malbec- Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

Zuccardi Q is the first wine to bear the Zuccardi name on the label. The simple letter "Q" identifies the best plots of each vineyards, a way for all those who work on these wines to pay special attention to the exceptional quality of the grapes. They also require workers with better skills to work on the "Q" project. It is a regional wine, coming from the best regions of Mendoza. Each plot is harvested separately and at different times in order to achieve the best varietal expression. The 2021 Q Malbec comes from Altamira and Chacayes and was made with a significant part of full clusters and aged mostly in concrete to keep that sense of purity. It has notes of some blue fruit, aromatic herbs and a citrus twist, reminiscent of green tea. This wine is fun and zesty, focusing on malbec's fresher side with wild blueberry flavors and violet scents. It is floral, expressive, perfumed and fine-boned, with a medium-bodied palate, fine tannins and some grip. W&S 93 PTS, RP 92 PTS, WS 91 PTS

Pairings: Tomato sauces, meaty casseroles, hamburgers, steak, chicken, and pork

## 2021 Zuccardi Q Cabernet Sauvignon-Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

With a winning combination of cool weather, high elevation and well-draining alluvial soils, Mendoza's Uco Valley is one of the most exciting up-and-coming wine regions in Argentina. Healthy, easy-to-manage vines produce low yields of high-quality fruit, which in turn create flavorful, full-bodied wines with generous acidity. The dry, hot climate of Argentina is really great for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes ripen very easily, with lots of blackberries, cherry, pepper, vanilla and with a little bit of mint. This is produced with grapes from Gualtallary and La Consulta, combining structure from Gualtallary and juiciness from La Consulta. Cabernet behaves better in cooler years, and this wine matured in a combination of 225- and- 500-liter oak barrels. There are plenty of blackcurrant aromas with some cassis-bush undertones. It is medium to full-bodied and has the telltale fine tannins from the grape and a chalky finish. It is an intense purple color with red hues and has great aromatic intensity with ripe red and black notes with a great structure and long pure, fruity finish.

<u>Pairings:</u> Red meat, lamb, beef and stew make the best matches for Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a full-bodied wine with a lot of tannin so you need a dish that will have some richness to match this. And an Argentinean asado, with the charcoal flavors, will work perfectly too.