

PIRCAS NEGRAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage: 2009
Appellation: Famatina Valley, Argentina
Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol: 13.4% **Residual Sugar:** 6.83 g/L
pH: 3.4 **Sulfites:** 92 ppm
Winemaker: Rodolfo Griguol

Organic Certificate: Grapes and facilities have been certified by USDA Accredited Argencert SRL (Argentina) and are compliant with the National Organic Program of the USDA.



Soil: Sandy, calcareous soil of alluvial origin at 3,600 ft. above sea level together with the low humidity and low rainfall make the Famatina Valley an ideal environment for wine growing. The north-south orientation of the Andes provides the vineyards with enough sunlight while protecting them from the wind and the rain.

Viticulture: The watering systems used in the vineyards are a combination of traditional flooding method, which uses glacial run-off or snow melt water, and computerized drip irrigation systems that pump underground water. Grapes are hand harvested in the coolness of the morning to ensure less damage which is carried through to the wine.

Winemaking: Aged for four to six months in innerstaves, 70% French and 30 % American.

Notes: Scents of blackberry, tea and spice. On the palate, layers of cassis and currant fruits intersect with nuances of allspice and earth. Pairing suggestions: Filet Mignon, aged Pecorino or wild mushroom risotto.

The Co-op: Pircas Negras are the organic wines produced by La Riojana Cooperativa, a co-op of 550 member farmers in the Famatina Valley. The organic Pircas Negras wines have allowed farmers to demand a higher price for their grapes. Every year, La Riojana buys more land for certified organic conversion to keep up with the world-wide demand for wines made with organic grapes. Profit sharing is also distributed amongst all members of the co-op, which has raised the standards of living for the indigenous farmers of the valley.



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