



CHAKANA. Estate Wines from Argentina

CHAKANA: AN INTRODUCTION

“Chakana” was the quechua name of the Southern Cross constellation. It was represented by a sacred icon that was revered for protection of crops. The Chakana and its geometry were at the foundations of the spiritual and agricultural life on the Andes highlands.

We believe the ancient Andean cultures developed a deep understanding of this unique region based on a special relationship to its nature. The Andes heights, its roaring volcanoes, its agricultural terraces designed to reuse in summer the winter snow, the mystique of its people used to its rarefied air and its extreme temperatures, they all create the context for a common identity of Argentinean viticulture.

Chakana wines wish to embody the spirit of the land that gives them birth.

CHAKANA WINES

Chakana is a modern enterprise devoted to produce estate wines from Argentina's premium growing region (Agrelo, Lujan de Cuyo) for the international consumer.

Operations begun in 2002 with the purchase of a 300 ha estate, with 70 ha in old vines.

After a heavy re-engineering of the vineyard (with major plantings and replacements) and winery construction, Chakana produced 10.000 12 bottle cases in 2003 on its first commercial vintage, reaching in 2006 its full capacity production of 45,000 cases.

Chakana's strategy is to produce superior grapes and develop the best oenological practices to maximize expression of the varieties that show greater adaptation to the estate's soils and climate.

CHAKANA ESTATE

Chakana counts on a 300 ha estate in Agrelo, Lujan de Cuyo. Located at 950 meters above sea level, 34 km south of the city of Mendoza, the estate has deep and textured soils. Classified among the “cold” zones of the province of Mendoza, in addition to year-long sunny and very dry conditions that permit almost organic viticulture practices, its outstanding feature is a great daily thermal amplitude, with tempered days and cold nights.

Estate management is under the responsibility of consultant Santiago Mayorga, one of the most prominent and experienced viticulturists in Argentina.

CHAKANA WINERY

Chakana is made in a state of the art winery built on the estate with the purpose of achieving outstanding quality. It's modular building has been designed to follow the productive growth of the vines. Chakana counts today on a 500,000 L stainless steel capacity winery.

Oenological process is lead by the Italian winemaker Alberto Antonini, who oversees winemaking protocols and style.

The winemaking process is focused on treating the grapes with great care and strict control of every stage.

International standards for food security and quality management are under implementation (EUREGAP, HACCP and ISO 9001: 2000).

CHAKANA PRODUCT LINE

Estate Wines:

Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec Rose, Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bonarda and Syrah.

These wines feature intense colour, outstanding fruit expression and varietal character. Red wines also goes through a brief oak ageing for another layer of complexity.



Reserves:

Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Outstanding grapes are matured 12 months in oak barrels (90% French, 10% American) to produce this range of wines.



Estate Selection:

A selection of the very best wine matured for 14 months in new oak barrels is blended each year to make the ultimate expression of the estate's "terroir".



INTERNATIONAL APPRAISAL FOR CHAKANA WINES



Chakana Malbec Reserve 2004 : SILVER Medal.
Chakana Estate Selection 2004 : GOLD Medal.



Chakana Malbec Reserve 2004 : GOLD Medal
Chakana Malbec Reserve 2003 : GOLD Medal
Chakana Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2004 : SILVER Medal
Chakana Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2003 : BRONZE Medal
Chakana Malbec 2005 : COMMENDED
Chakana Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 : COMMENDED



Chakana Cabernet / Malbec 2005 : SILVER Medal



Chakana Malbec Reserve 2003 : 90 points
Chakana Shiraz 2004 : 90 points, BEST BUY
Chakana Malbec 2004 : 88 points, BEST BUY
Chakana Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 : 87 points, BEST BUY
Chakana Bonarda 2004 : 87 points, BEST BUY



Chakana Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2003 : SILVER Medal

CHAKANA MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Chakana wines are represented and actively marketed in: USA, USA, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and Paraguay in América, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and Italy in Europe and Singapore and Korea in Asia. We are actively looking and developing new markets.