HIGH ALTITUDE VINEYARDS





ALTURA MAXIMA MALBEC

Passion, persistence and ruthless determination led Donald Hess to plant one of the most elevated vineyards in the world at 3111masl (10200ft) in Salta, Argentina. Our icon wine is the highest expression of a Malbec grown in extreme terroir.

VARIETAL DESIGNATION: Altura Máxima Estate Vineyard
ALTITUDE: 3111m (10200ft)
VITICURAL AREA: Calchaquí Valleys
SOIL TYPE: Calcareous and Granite
TOTAL PLANTINGS: 23h (56ac), sustainably farmed
YEAR PLANTED: 2007
HARVEST DATE: April 2016
TONS HARVESTED: 10 tons
TIME IN BARREL: 24 months in 3° & 4° use French Oak Barrels
VARIETY: 100% Malbec
PRODUCTION: 28 barrels
ALCOHOL: 15.5%
PH: 3.6 ACIDITY: 6,1 g/l SUGAR: 2 g/l

WINEMAKER: Thibaut Delmotte

With the Andes as the backdrop and close to the borders of Bolivia and Chile, the Salta region of Argentina is less accessible than better know wine regions in the country - some have called the area "impenetrable".

The true expression of terroir in this Malbec comes from the extreme altitude at which the vineyard sits, it receives much more sun, much less UV protection, producing thicker skinned grapes that deliver a more robust mounthfeel supported by fresh acidity.

Since 2005, Winemaker Thibaut Delmotte has crafted wines of distinction and international acclaim for Bodega Colomé while staying true his French origins.

