



FAMILIA DEICAS EXTREME VINEYARDS CERRO DEL GUAZUVIRÁ RED 2021

REGION: Lavalleja, Uruguay

APPELLATION: Lavalleja

BLEND: 50% Merlot, 40% Tannat, 8% Petit Verdot, 2% Viognier

WINEMAKER: Santiago Deicas

ABV: 12.5%

VINEYARD

This vineyard is planted in Cerro del Guazuvirá, Lavalleja (where there are barely any vineyards) at 17 miles from the Atlantic coast, on ancient rock with volcanic granite. In order to plant the vines, back in 2013, the rock had to be dynamited.

VITICULTURE

"Where the situation is so extreme, that the vineyard grows to the limit of survival." When planting the vines, soil from a nearby site was brought, and individual pots were made with it to aid water retention. This wasn't enough and so a special gel had to be mixed with the soil. To avoid the damage by the local wild deer "Guazuvirá" the vines were covered with a specially designed mesh. And an electric fence was put in place to stop the jabalies (wild boar) from destroying the mesh.

WINEMAKING

All grape varieties were harvested and fermented together. Minimal intervention, wine fermented in open bins and aged in clay amphora and used barrels.

TASTING NOTES

"Bedrock" is Santiago Deicas' description of the soils in this stony, granitic site, which is already producing remarkable things after just three vintages. Amphora-fermented and aged, with salty minerality, damson and dark plum flavours and lovely freshness and palate length. 95 Points. Tim Atkin MW

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CLOSURE: Cork

ORGANIC: No

BIODYNAMIC: No

VEGETARIAN: Yes

VEGAN: Yes