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## MANOS NEGRAS, STONE SOIL SELECT MALBEC, PARAJE ALTAMIRA, UCO VALLEY, ARGENTINA, 2018



### Producer Profile

Alejandro Sejanovich is arguably Argentina's most knowledgeable viticulturist, working as vineyard director for Bodega Catena Zapata for 16 years, he pioneered high altitude vineyard planting and conducted ground breaking research on Mendoza Malbec clones.

Manos Negras focuses on latitude winemaking, planting Torrontes in the northern stretches of Cadayate in Salta, Pinot Noir in the southern-most region of Neuquen in Patagonia and cultivates 50 year old Malbec vines in the prized Altamira appellation in the Uco Valley.

### Viticulture

Sourced from the Altmira district of the San Carlos county, located in the southern Uco Valley at an elevation of 4,000 feet. Altamira has Mendoza's most unique soil profile, with a patchwork of sandy, silty and stony soils all present in the same vineyard. The stony soils contain a high content of surface stones - round rocks that are literally painted white with calcium carbonate. These patches of stony soil are very low in organic material and very high in mineral content. Their poor profile naturally brings down yields for exceptional concentration of aromas and flavours. Their rocky character imparts a stony texture to the Malbec wines. The Manos Negras Stone Soil Select Malbec is made entirely from select Malbec grapes from these patches of stone soils.

### Winemaking

Gentle de-stemming, cold maceration for 6 days at 8°C. Whole berry fermentation with natural yeasts and max. temp. 18° C. Extensive pumping over, punching down and delistage for first 10 days of fermentation. Total fermentation time of 18 days.

### Tasting Note

Medicinal and ripe on the nose, deep and inviting. Silky texture with a racy flash of acidity on the finish. Excellent plum fruit, herbal hints and wonderful structure with fig flavours on the long finish.

### Food Matching

The bold flavours work well with Lamb, Beef and even Poultry.

### Awards

#### Jancis Robinson 17 Points

From Altamira. Ex-Catena Alejandro Sejanovich ("Colo") is now responsible for many different brands. He has a vineyard focus and is in business with Jeff Mausbach, also ex-Catena, who heads the commercial side. Lovely stony, mineral nose. Very light and lively. Pretty and aromatic. A very light touch. Savoury finish. For mineral-heads. Very good value. 17 Points, JR, March 2020

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Malbec 100%

ABV: 14%

Closure: Technical cork

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

#### Oak Treatment

Time: 12 Months

Type: French 225 Litres

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: 20