



TASTING PACK WINE #148

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER CHRISTOPHER BATES

Vibrant purple color, staining the glass purple, with a deep opaque core. Ripe black and blue fruit, black currant, black plum and blueberry notes are dominant. A touch of herbal note, but dominated by chocolate, coffee, cocoa and spice. Some oak influence creeps in. The palate shows that fruit staying creamy and ripe, almost jammy, and the texture is rich, full and plush.

TASTING NOTES BY: ADVANCED SOMMELIER JOSHUA CARLSEN

Medium + concentration of dark ruby/purple with a pink rim. Medium+ intensity of ripe/lush black and blue fruit - blackberry, raspberry, black cherry, blueberry, and plum. There are hints of dried fruits as well - raisins, prunes. There are pretty red and purple floral notes blended with some green/herbal notes, licorice, and clay and wet earth. There is clear oak influence, in this case American oak, giving notes of vanilla, cinnamon, allspice, and chocolate.

Sweetness: Dry
Tannin: Medium Plus
Alcohol: Medium Plus
Acid: Medium Plus
Oak: Present

So...
WHAT
IS IT?

old world
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Durigutti

Cuvee:

Grape: Malbec

Country: Argentina

Regions: Mendoza

Vintage: 2018

Alcohol: 13.8%

Elevage: Fermented with native yeasts and aged
In new American oak for 12 months

Other: Brothers Hector and Pablo Durigutti use
Organic practices in their vineyards.
Hector first gained notoriety working at
Altos Las Hormigas.

NOTES:

One of the few vibrantly purple grapes, along with Carmenere, Syrah, Gamay and Cab Franc, Malbec is a member of the Bordeaux family, though not as herbal or bell pepper as say Cab Franc and Cab Sauv or Carmenere, helping to rule out those grapes. There is little to no olive, black pepper or smoked meat from syrah, nor any eucalyptus note indicative of Shiraz. Malbec is the "down the middle" grape that has a little bit of everything, but, not too much of anything, making it really accessible for people, and easy to drink. Also the combo of grape, elevation, high UV and regular acidification give wines of near perfect balance.

Retail Price: \$17

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