



Champagnes & Châteaux

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## CLOS DE LOS SIETE 2015 – 1500ml

In 1988, Michel Rolland first encountered Argentina. He was immediately captivated by the country, its fantastic vine-growing potential and was quickly convinced that Argentina offered all the necessary conditions to produce truly great wine. In 1998 Michel collaborated with a group of partners from Bordeaux, whose names are closely linked to the internationally best known Grand Cru wines to produce Clos de los Siete, a blend of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah and Petit Verdot.

**Grape:** 58% Malbec, 23% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah, 1% Petit Verdot

### **Vineyard & Vinification Note:**

**Location :** Valle de Uco ; Vistaflora, Canton de Tunuyán (120 km south of Mendoza)

**Climate :** Continental with low rainfall.

**Soil :** Sand and clay with large pebbles

**Altitude :** 1100 m

**Vineyard size :** 430 Ha planted out of a total 850 ha.

**Size of parcels :** 1-3 Ha

**Planting density :** 5500 vines /Ha Pruning : Double guyot

**Practices :** Vertical training, green harvesting, leaf trimming, computer controlled drip irrigation

**Harvest :** Manual harvesting in 15 kg trays

**Yield :** 34 hl/ha.

**Sorting:** Manually sorted twice (before and after destemming)

**Transport:** All by gravity i.e. no pumping.

**Vinification:** Cold pre-fermentation maceration. Pumping over one and a half times the volume at the beginning of fermentation, half the volume at the end of fermentation.

**Maturing :** 11 months – 70 % in oak barrels (1/3 new French oak barrels, 1/3 in one year old barrel, 1/3 two years old); 30% in vats  
No fining, no filtration.



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**2015, A Typical year** «The unusual conditions in 2014/2015 meant that many people consider this an atypical year for Mendoza. Unlike previous years, the winter of 2014 was fairly warm, with temperatures rarely dropping below 0°C. A mild spring with no late frost or strong northerly winds ensured uniform flowering and budburst. Early summer also brought warm weather with no high temperature peaks. However, the rainfall in mid to late summer of 2015 was higher than average compared with previous years. The stony soil and distinct north-east slope of Clos de los Siete allowed good drainage and alleviated the effect of the large amount of rain. Even so, closer monitoring of the vineyards than usual was required, with more leaf stripping and less watering. Due to these weather conditions, our teams of oenologists and agronomists had to go through the vineyards more than usual to set the dates for harvesting, generally anticipating between 10 and 15 days in advance according to the grape variety. This vintage will no doubt be one to remember for the fresh, elegant wines it produced.» **Michel Rolland**

**Tasting Note:** «The 2015 vintage reminds me to some extent of my hometown of Bordeaux because of the high levels of rain. The Malbec once again demonstrated its versatility, revealing itself in all its glory in this wine of which it constitutes 58% of the blend. The tell-tale signs of its presence are expressed in the attractive ruby red colour and purple tints around the edges, and the bouquet bursting with aromas of violet and red fruit with predominant notes of plum, later complemented by scents of black fruit and spices from the nice ripe Merlot and the Cabernet Sauvignon. On the palate, the attack is pleasant and sweet with a fleshy, full-bodied texture that is well-balanced. The smoothness of the Malbec and Syrah harmonise with the tannic structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, which bestow a flavoursome, lingering finale upon the wine. The subtle hints of aging in wood barrels only serve to add complexity to this blend, which boasts all the typical elegance of cool vintage years, promising excellent aging potential. A fine example to enjoy. Cheers!» **Michel Rolland**

**James Suckling Tasting Note:** “A fine and fresh wine with blueberries and fresh herbs. Medium body, refined and focused. Linear and tight texture. Very long and bright. Layered and delicious. Drink and enjoy.” **93 Points – April 2018**

**Wine Advocate Tasting Note:** “2015 was the first of the rainy El Niño vintages, which resulted in some challenges for the Valle de Uco, where the grapes for the 2015 Clos de Los Siete red blend are grown. The blend changes with the year and is decided by tasting, but it's always more than 50% Malbec complemented with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Thirty percent of the wine remains unoaked to keep the freshness, and the rest matured in first, second and third use barriques for 11 to 12 months. This is a regular and harmonious wine with a commercial profile, approachable, polished and sleek. The palate is medium to full-bodied with round, lush tannins and clean flavors. 780,000 bottles produced.” **90 Points, Luis Gutiérrez, June 2018**

**Wine Spectator Tasting Note:** “Offers a lithe and well-cut blend of cherry, dried berry, currant and spice box flavors that mesh easily. The richly textured finish lingers with creamy notes. Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2021. 54,000 cases made.” **91 Points, Kim Marcus, December 2018**

**Food Pairing:** Ideal partner with red meat. Fantastic with steak, beef stew, pulled-pork, filet mignon. Also good with meaty fish dishes such as salmon teriyaki.