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## CLOS DE LOS SIETE 2017

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:** 52% Malbec, 21% Merlot, 15% Syrah, 7% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

**Vineyard & Vinification Note :**

**Location :** Valle de Uco ; Vistaflores, 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:** 325 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:** 29 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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### **2017 A great year despite low yields**

«After a moderate winter - slightly drier with temperatures marginally warmer than average (the El Nino effect) - spring was dry and particularly cool with frost events which significantly impacted yields. The Malbec, which is particularly susceptible to coulure and millerandage, was the most affected by weather conditions.

Harvesting went well. One to two weeks earlier than the norm, it followed a drier summer with moderate temperatures, despite a few warmer spells, which maintained the vineyard in excellent health. 2017 is consequently a low-volume vintage further to spring frosts, and drier, cooler weather than normal.

However, on a positive note, the reduced yields have resulted in great concentration in the berries, intense aromas and lovely freshness overall. »

**Michel Rolland**

### **Tasting Note:**

«Clos de Los Siete 2017 is deep red in appearance shot through with purple glints characteristic of Malbec. On the nose, its intense and complex aromatic expression delivers subtle notes of fruit and spice. On the palate, the delicate tannins are ripe and silky, and combine with appealing freshness. Well-balanced in structure, full-bodied and offering typical freshness, the wine showcases the charming, elegant style ever present in Clos de Los Siete. » **Michel Rolland**

### **James Suckling:**

A very refined, creamy wine, showing blackberries and blueberries with chocolate and light hazelnut notes. Medium to full body. The fine tannins are polished and creamy and the beautiful, reserved finish goes on for a really long time. Wow! Best ever, because of its length and beauty. One for the palate or the cellar. Drink or hold. **95 Points, February 2020**

### **Wine Spectator:**

Deep, rich flavors of roasted cherry, plum tart and dried savory herbs are supported by firm acidity and tannins. Features a tensile frame, with slate accents midpalate. Dusty graphite notes show on the finish. Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2024. 650,000 cases made, 22,400 cases imported. **91 Points, Kim Marcus, June 2020**

### **Wine Advocate:**

There was a little more ripeness and concentration in the 2017 Clos de Los Siete, a harmonious and nicely crafted blend of 52% Malbec, 21% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc. When tasted next to the 2016, this came through as more powerful, and many might prefer it, but I found better quality of tannins in the 2016, as this felt a little harsh in comparison, but nothing that one more year in bottle and/or powerful food couldn't fix. 790,000 bottles produced. **90 Points, Luis Gutiérrez, October 2019**

**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.