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VINEYARDS: Finca Alto Los Cuises is located in a ravine of the Sierra de Quilmes with a very steep slope, so the vines are planted on terraces and trained in high density among the rocks. It is a unique and extreme estate, which produces grapes of a different and unrepeatable expression.

LOCATION: Cafayate, Salta, 1850 meters above sea level.(6069 ft)

VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay VINTAGE 2022

WINEMAKING DETAILS: We harvest the first days of February. At the reception in the winery we make a selection of clusters and whole cluster pressing. The must is left refrigerated for approximately 18 hours waiting for a natural decantation, and then overflowed into 500-liter French oak barrels to ferment with native yeasts at a controlled temperature between 12° and 16°. Once the AF is finished, the barrels are capped to preserve the natural carbon dioxide and we avoid adding sulfites.

Every 20 days, we carry out the bâtonnage process, whereby the cell walls of the yeasts are broken down and left in suspension. This step allows mannoproteins and polysaccharides to be integrated into the wine. The wine then rests in barrels for 6-7 months. Once it has lost all its natural carbon dioxide, we proceed to debourbage and add a small amount of sulfites. Only when it reaches a sensory balance, we proceed to bottling.

ALTO LOS CUISES

AGING POTENTIAL: 12 years. WINEMAKER: Francisco Puga

ALCOHOL: 12,9° PH: 3,18 ACIDITY: 6,50 g/l. RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1,80 g/l.

