

# BIANCHI OASIS SUR MALBEC 2023

*San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina*



**TASTING NOTES:** Bianchi Oasis Sur Malbec has a great intense color with fresh and complex aromas that offer spice, fresh plums, blackberries and figs. Sweet, with gentle and ripe tannins mark its initial presence on the palate. The wine is unctuous, round and complex with a full mouth-feel, medium structure and a harmonious and fruity finish.

**VITICULTURE:** With intimate knowledge of the soil composition of their Estate vineyards, Bianchi's winemakers can differentiate the diverse microclimates in the southern "oasis" of San Rafael and determine the vineyards that will offer the best expression for this wine. San Rafael is an area with many micro-terroirs, different altitudes, varied soils, and varietal characteristics that differ from other parts of Mendoza. This wine comes from vineyards that are at altitudes of approximately 2500 feet.

**VINIFICATION:** Maceration at a low temperature of 46.4° F (8° C) takes 2-3 days. During the fermentation process, the temperature is kept between 78.8° F (26° C) and 80.6° F (27° C). The wine does not see any wood contact to help ensure the purest expression its terroir.

**FAMILY:** One dream. One family legacy. Two terroirs. Since 1928, these three pillars have been the lasting values that have guided Argentina's Bodegas Bianchi for four generations. This family-owned winery is situated in the sub-regions of both the Uco Valley and San Rafael. San Rafael is one of only two DOCs in Argentina. It's farther south than the Uco, so the climate tends to be a bit warmer, with sandy soils and lower altitudes. However, the east-west orientation of the mountain ranges allows for a funneling of cool air from the Andes resulting in longer hangtime for the grapes. Bodegas Bianchi is a leader in San Rafael, producing wines with excellent structure and complexity.

Water management and energy efficiency have made Bodegas Bianchi one of the most sustainable and innovative wineries in Argentina. Silvio Alberto, chief winemaker and one of the most well-known winemakers in all of Argentina, relishes marrying the traditions of yesteryear with the modern processes of today such as using clay amphorae for the winery's top Malbecs and red blends.

**PRODUCER:** Bodegas Bianchi

**REGION:** San Rafael, Mendoza, Argentina

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Malbec

**SKU:** BBMB237

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.4 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 3.4 G/L

**pH:** 3.78