

# San Rafael, Mendoza ARGENTINA



In 1928 Italian immigrant Don Valentín Bianchi realized his dream of owning a vineyard and winery. His wines were awarded the 'Maximum Quality Prize' at the Official Wine Exhibition event held in Mendoza in 1934. In the early 1950s, Valentín's sons joined the successful winery which was eventually handed down to them and to his grandsons. With the continued expertise of their fathers, Raul Bianchi leads the third generation in running the winery. All of the wines are from sustainably-farmed estate owned vineyards.

Despite the distance from the Andes in the west, San Rafael is still located within the mountain range's considerable rain shadow and has a semi-arid climate as a consequence. At the same time rivers flowing down from the mountains provide plentiful snow- melt water for vineyard irrigation, which can be judiciously applied to limit growth and vigor of the vine. The sandy, alluvial soils help in this regard as well; they are seasonably free-draining and cause the vines to develop deep root systems.

#### Elsa Bianchi

Sourced from the family estate vineyard named after Dona Elsa Bianchi, the matriarch of the Bianchi family, and grandmother of the current Bianchi owners, comes these clean fresh wines. Older vines yield wines that are pure varietal expressions of the terroir of the San Rafael Region of Mendoza, Argentina.

#### Bianchi Oasis

Located in South Mendoza, the rapid waters of the Diamante and Atuel rivers give birth to this oasis, at the foot of the Andes Mountains. Having an east-west development, the southern oasis has a great variation in height above sea level. In turn, it is located significantly more to the south. The sun can be intense and the cool night allows for slow ripening of the grapes making these wines of incredible quality.



Raul Bianchi

SCORE HIGHLIGHTS Bianchi Oasis Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 90 Pts. James Suckling

Bianchi Oasis Malbec 2020 92 Pts. James Suckling



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The Winery Caves & Cellar

## SCORE HIGHLIGHTS:

### Famiglia Malbec

- 2021 91 Pts. James Suckling
- 2020 91 Pts. James Suckling
- 2019 91 Pts. James Suckling 90 Pts. Vinous

Famiglia Cabernet2020 91 Pts. James Suckling2019 90 Pts. Wine Enthusiast

Famiglia Chardonnay2021 91 Pts. James Suckling2020 90 Pts. Vinous

Famiglia Organic Malbec 2020 94 Pts. IWSC 91 Pts. James Suckling 2019 91 Pts. James Suckling 90 Pts. Wine Spectator

Bianchi Estate Vineyards



# Famiglia, a legacy of family...

Famiglia Bianchi represents the winery's Italian roots and most importantly, the legacy of our founder; who always worked with dedication so that the values of the family are continually kept alive in our wines. Friends are the family you choose and Famiglia is part of your chosen family.



Silvio Alberto, Winemaker

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ARGENTINA Family Winemaking at an Iconic Winery



In 2016, Bodegas Bianchi expanded into the Uco Valley by acquiring another winery and property in the up-and-coming Los Chacayes IG region. Here is where the premium wines are produced, including Enzo Bianchi. This acquisition was the first outside of San Rafael, expanding the production into the Uco Valley and specifically into Los Chacayes IG. The 370 acre estate has more than 98 acres of vines planted and has altitudes ranging from 3200 ft to 3444 ft above sea level. Malbec is the most important variety here but the winery also has significant plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat, Petit Verdot, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet France and Viognier. This is one of their top vineyards for premium wines. Combined with the property in San Rafael, Bianchi owns 865 acres of vineyards.

*Gran Famiglia Bianchi* was created as a tribute to the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the winery. The vineyards are located in Vista Flores, in the renowned Los Chacayes area (Uco Valley), in the province of Mendoza, at an altitude of 3600 feet above sea level.

*Enzo;* This iconic wine is a tribute to Don Enzo Bianchi who was wine master at Bodegas Bianchi for more than 50 years. The base is Cabernet Sauvignon with Malbec with a mature and spicy expression that this varietal achieves in our stony soils of San Rafael. Full-bodied, fruity, ample mouth-feel, well balanced and good structure. Aged 14 months in 100% new French oak.

### **SCORE HIGHLIGHTS**

Gran Famiglia Corte 2019 92 Pts. James Suckling 91 Pts. Vinous

Gran Famiglia Malbec201991 Pts. Vinous201891 Pts. Vinous

Particular Malbec 2017 91 Pts. James Suckling Particular Cabernet2019 93 Pts. James Suckling2018 92 Pts. James Suckling

Particular Cabernet Franc 2019 91 Pts. James Suckling

Enzo 2019 93 Pts. James Suckling 2018 92 Pts. 'Silver Medal' – Decanter 91 Pts. Wine Spectator

