

ZORZAL PORFIADO 2010



This hand harvested, 100% Pinot Noir is from two separate sections of a single vineyard in Gualtallary. A ripe, fresh and very pretty nose features notes of violets, raspberries, strawberries and earth that are highlighted by a vibrant chalk and graphite component. There is good balance to the delicious and energetic flavors with subtle, smooth tannins which linger with impressive authority and length. Only four barrels produced!

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
Case Production 12 pack: 100
Residual Sugar / Acidity: 2 g/l
Alcohol Content: 14.00%
Region / Location: Gualtallary
Vineyard Name: Tupungato Winelands
Size: 12 acres
Age: Planted in 2007
Altitude: 4,264 feet
Soil Type: Calcareous
Trellis System: Espalier
Yield: 2.5 tons/acre
How: Hand picked
Winemaker: Juan P. Michelini
Oak Treatment: 30% for 3 years, 70% for 10 months
Age of the Barrel: (French) 30% new, 70% second use
Bottle Aging: 12 months
Maceration / Fermentation: Indigenous Yeast, Natural

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VINEYARDS & WINERY

Zorzal is a young, boutique winery that began in 2007 by the Michellini brothers, Gerardo, Matias, and Juan Pablo (the winemaker) along with a group of Canadian investors, with its first vintage being 2008. The winery and vineyards are located in the sub-region of the Uco Valley called Gualtallary, outside the town of Tupungato, at approximately 4500 feet above sea level, making it the highest winery in Mendoza. The estate consists of 70 hectares on a unique blend of sand, stones, and limestone and is planted to multiple varietals including Malbec, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, as well as a few others. The grapes are all hand harvested and the vision is to have a light hand in the winemaking to let the fruit and terroir shine. The winery practices organic methods in the vineyards and uses only indigenous yeast in the wine making process. Zorzal tends to pick its grapes a little earlier (greener) than most in Mendoza to retain freshness and acidity in their wines instead of the overblown ripeness that is too often seen. They are already considered to be a rising star in Argentina with their focused wines and enticing expression of multiple varietals above and beyond their stunning Malbecs.

