



# **PASSIONATE WINES**

Year Founded: 2008

Region: Tupungato, Uco Valley,

Argentina

**Owner:** Matias Michelini

Fun fact: The winery has an automatic temperature control system from New Zealand that can be operated remotely online from anywhere in the world!

-Organic, Sustainable-

Passionate Wines is the brainchild of Matias Michelini. He is the winemaker, agronomist, and Grand Poobah of his winery named Passionate Wines. Matias strives to make experimental wines that express terroir. These wines are low production and are drawn from multiple inspirations, regions, and styles. The Via Revolucionaria wines are single vineyard, unconventional wines, fermented with native yeast. Matias continues to experiment with other cuvees with the mantra of producing either atypical varietals or classic varietals in non-traditional methods.





## 2022 Passionate Wines Del Mono Blanco

60% Sauvignon Blanc and 40% Semillon. 50-60-year-old vines. Alluvial soil. Native yeast. 6 months in concrete vat. 1 day on the skins, then pressed and co-fermented in concrete vat. This crisp, fruit driven wine shows notes of cantaloupe and honeydew melon mixed with waxy yellow beans and rose petals on the nose. The palate shows the melon fruit but adds jasmine, orange peel and crushed wet rock with a touch of sweet pea. Bright acid highlights the refreshing finish. **Organic!** 



#### **2022 Passionate Wines Del Mono Tinto**

#4 of the Top 100 Best Buys of 2020 - Wine Enthusiast

50% Syrah, 50% Malbec. This wine is from various vineyards in Tupungato. Planted on average around the year 2000 on sandy and calcareous soil. Native yeast. 6 months in concrete egg. 15 day fermentation in concrete tank. **Sustainable!** 

"Rich, broad and almost chocolatey on the palate, offering a fine-grained texture and very good concentration to its sweet, juicy dark berry, pepper and spice flavors. A stunning bargain." - Vinous









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## 2021 Passionate Montesco Agua de Roca Sauvignon Blanc

100% Sauvignon Blanc grown on sandy and calcareous soil. Native yeast. 12 months in concrete egg. 50% stainless steel, 50% in concrete egg. **Sustainable!** 

"Transcends the variety and shows a strong sense of place, like if you could make wine from the granite rocks from the mountains. Follow the palate to see the stony character of the wine, the effervescence acidity and the salty finish." -Robert Parker

<u>94+ Points – Robert Parker</u> – "A favorite of mine. A sharp Sauvignon Blanc that feels like liquid granite—it's sharp and electric, with 11.5% alcohol and very good freshness and acidity. Stony character with good ripeness, an electric mouthfeel and a salty finish."



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## 2020 Passionate Montesco Pie Franc

100% Cabernet Franc grown on sandy and calcareous soil. Native yeast. 8 months in concrete vat. 20 day maceration/fermentation. **Organic!** 

"This lively, spicy midweight shows very good mineral verve and lift and finishes saline and persistent." -Vinous



## 2019 Passionate Wines Via Revolucionaria Criolla Grande

100% Criolla Grande. This wine is from Campo Vidal vineyard, 6 acres, planted in 1972 on deep alluvial and rocky soil. Native yeast. Aged in concrete egg on its lees for 5 months. 7 days at low temperature. **Sustainable!** 

<u>91 Points - Robert Parker</u> - "It's a bright and light cherry color, almost like a dark rosé, and has a juicy, pleasant and appealing personality, straightforward and easy to enjoy. The palate is light and refreshing, with clean flavors, and it has a finish lifted up by good acidity."







### 2020 Passionate Wines Via Revolucionaria Semillon Hulk

When asked why he calls it 'Hulk', winemaker Matias Michelini said "Because it's a little green and f\*\*king incredible."

This 100% hand harvested Semillon is from a single vineyard in the Tupungato region of the Uco Valley. 3 Months in Concrete Eggs. Natural Fermentation with 1 day on the skins. The lower alcohol wine has a fresh light green hue with notes of lemon, key lime, jasmine, and white flowers with an underlying and persistent layer of crushed wet limestone. The wine is vibrant and bright yet smooth on the palate showing fruit flavors as well as earth tones of dry leaves. Clean, crisp, engaging, and refreshing. **Sustainable!** 

<u>92 Points - '19 Robert Parker</u> - "After a short time in the glass, the white flowers appear and the wine starts gaining complexity. The palate is light and has pungent flavors, with a characteristic salty twist in the finish."



## 2020 Passionate Wines Via Revolucionaria Bonarda Pura

This 100% carbonic macerated Bonarda was harvested separately at 4 different times and then blended together. Whole Cluster, 3 months on lees in concrete vats. A seductively perfumed nose evokes musky dank fruits of blueberry, cherry, and raspberry. The vibrant, fruit dominated nose, leads to a soft and round mid palate, held together by firm tannins and bright acidity. **Sustainable!** 

90 Points - '19 Robert Parker - "Notes of black fruit and an earthy twist. It has an electric sensation on the palate, a kind of effervescence (but no gas) from the lively acidity."