



# ZORZAL

## ‘Rock-Star Winemakers of Argentina’

-Wine Enthusiast (Juan Pablo Michelini)

**Year Founded:** 2008

**Region:** Gualtallary, Argentina

**Owner:** Michelini Brothers

**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-**

The Michelini brothers are also winemakers at the Passionate and Super Uco wineries. Zorzal is a young, boutique winery that was started in 2008 by the Michelini brothers, Gerardo, Matias, and Juan Pablo along with a group of investors. The winery and vineyards are located in the Gualtallary subregion of the Uco Valley at approximately 4500 feet above sea level. 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, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, as well as several other varietals. 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 a



combination of organic and sustainable farming in the vineyards and they use 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.



### **2023 'Terroir Unico' Cabernet Franc, Valle de Uco**

This 100% Cabernet Franc is from estate fruit planted in 2016. 15 days Fermentation. 6 Months in concrete.

The nose shows creamy red raspberry and blackberry fruit with underlying notes of blueberry, fig, and white pepper. Fruit forward with rich vanilla butter creme layered in the mid palate and held together by a firm tannin structure.



### **2025 'Terroir Unico' Malbec, Valle de Uco**

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This hand-harvested, 100% Malbec wine is from vineyards in the Uco Valley. Went through malo. The wine predominantly shows notes of coffee, blueberry, and chocolate with secondary notes of licorice, black cherry, cinnamon, baking spices, and sage. The complexity of the wine extends into the palate by being big and bold without being flabby, with smooth tannins and light acidity. The wine finishes extremely strong with plum, cassis, doughnut cake, and fine silky tannins. A wine that out delivers it's price by tenfold!

**93 Points – '24 James Suckling**



### **2024 'Terroir Unico' Pinot Noir, Gualtallary**

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This hand-harvested, single vineyard wine is completely un-oaked to let the fruit driven quality of the wine shine. The soil consists of sand, chalk and stones. Stainless steel. Malolactic fermentation.

**91 Points – Vinous** - *"Aromatically pure, with sour cherry and red cherry notes over a base of rosehip and rose petal. The expression is clean and vivid. With fine-grained grip and good intensity, it finishes with a compact touch. A glou-glou Pinot with excellent fruit and flavor."*

**91 Points - James Suckling**