



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.



2022 Zorzal Gran Terroir Chardonnay, Valle de Uco



This 100% Chardonnay is from estate fruit planted in 2019. 15 days Fermentation. 12 Months in 500L French barrels.

The vibrant nose shows notes of nutmeg, mace, lemon custard, and toasted pine nut all enveloped in a baked bread crust. The wine is medium bodied on the palate with oyster shell, crushed wet rock, green apple, and orange peel with a satin finish. Crisp and delicious!

91 Points - Vinous - *“The nose offers oak, green apple, and linden blossom. Rich and creamy in the mouth, a chalky, tart flow channels the palate, preceding a lingering, saline finish.”*



2022 Zorzal 'Terroir Unico' Pinot Noir Rosé, Valle de Uco



This 100% direct press Pinot Noir Rosé is from a limestone rich vineyard located high up in the Uco Valley in Gualtallary. Natural fermentation, one day on skins. Aged in stainless steel. The pale pink wine is crisp and vibrant with notes of strawberry, raspberry, and fresh cut watermelon that is held up by a mineral backbone. The finish is refreshing with hints of ripe fig, tangerine, and crushed wet rock.

90 Points – Vinous – “An intense nose presents sweet and sour cherry and rose petal notes. In the mouth, it has a compelling malic freshness and a lovely electric flow thanks to the altitude and decision to harvest early.”

2023 Zorzal '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.

2020 Zorzal 'Terroir Unico' Malbec, Valle de Uco



This hand-harvested, 100% Malbec wine is from vineyards in the Uco Valley. 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 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 its price by tenfold!

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90 Points – James Suckling

90 Points – Tim Atkin



2023 Zorzal 'Terroir Unico' Pinot Noir, Gualtallary



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.

Bright red fruits, predominantly raspberry, jump out of the glass with gamey notes, cola, dried leaves, and forest floor. The mouthfeel is rich, soft, and supple with light tannin and medium acidity. The chalky soil comes through in the long finish, great with or without food.

91 Points – '22 Robert Parker

2017 Zorzal 'Eggo' Tinto de Tiza, Valle de Uco



100% Malbec. A hand harvested, single vineyard wine from Gualtallary. Completely fermented and aged in a large concrete egg and sees no oak. Eggo is the perfect combination of a chalky, terroir driven wine, with vibrant fruit and a long smooth finish.

94 Points – Robert Parker

93 Points - Editor's Choice - Wine Enthusiast - "Delivers a full blast of berry fruit aromas along with savory notes of beef stew and fine herbs. Like the nose, this tastes herbal and savory. In terms of feel, it is solid in stature but brightened by bold acidity."