

LA CAYETANA

Year Founded: 2016

<u>Region:</u> Cruz de Piedra, Maipu, Argentina

Founder/Winemaker: Edu & Emiliana Soler of Ver Sacrum wines

<u>Fun Fact:</u> Originally built in the mid 1800s, the estate was visited by Cardinals and Generals. The property still contains a library which houses numerous documentation and books illustrating the various historical and agricultural stages of the property and the region.

-Sustainable-

Emilia and Eduardo Soler purchased their property in 2013 and embarked on a restoration project of an old Manor House that had been abandoned for 40 years in Cruz de Piedra, Maipu, Argentina, twenty minutes outside of the city center of Mendoza. They founded La Cayetana in 2016 and released their first wines in 2018. Their home was originally built in the mid



1800's and there was once a 168 acre vineyard that was originally planted in 1860. Today, the property primarily acts as an experimental vineyard nursery that provides new vines through massale selection for both Ver Sacrum and La Cayetana. Emilia and Eduardo continue to revive their vines, gardens and olive trees respecting the old ancestral farming techniques always with long term sustainability in mind. They live on the property and also operate a small restaurant and guest house on the premises.

La Cayetana 2020 Criolla Blanca

12/.750L



Criolla Blanca is the offspring of Listan Prieto (aka Pais, Criolla Chica, Mission) and Muscat de Alexandria and is the second most widely planted white varietal of Argentina. Most Criolla Blanca goes into bulk wine and is often disregarded. Criolla Blanca is not planted in other countries and is often referred to as Pedro Ximenez in Argentina. The fruit from this wine comes from a 20 year old Parral vineyard which is sustainably farmed and flood irrigated. The deep sandy soils are comprised of fine deposits from fluvial activity. The vineyard is located in Gustavo André, a subregion of Lavalle, in Eastern Mendoza. This vineyard is located to the Northeast of Maipu and sits at just 1850 feet elevation.

<u>90 Points - Vinous</u> - "Faint aromas of vermouth and hints of mint, caramel and honey. Expansive in the mouth with mild freshness and a kick of alcohol resulting in a voluminous flow and a long, bold finish."