



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 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.”*



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.



2024 'Terroir Unico' Malbec, Valle de Uco

This hand-harvested, 100% Malbec wine is from vineyards in the Uco Valley. Aged 12 months. Went through malo. A wine that out delivers its price by tenfold!

93 Points – James Suckling – “Dark fruit with dark olives as well as thyme. The palate is medium- to full-bodied, showing a chiseled thread of fruit, polished tannins and a clean finish.”



2024 '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.

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