

# TRUMPETER

## RUTINI WINES

Mendoza, Argentina



## Merlot 2010

### THE VINEYARD

Rutini Wines is one of the oldest and most celebrated wineries in Argentina. Its origins date back the late 19th century when Italian immigrant Felipe Rutini planted his first vines at what remains the site of the present-day winery in Maipú, in the province of Mendoza. The Rutini winery was founded in 1885, and has since then been consistently commended for the outstanding quality and character of its wines. Rutini Wines currently owns estates in five different areas of Mendoza, including Maipú, Rivadavia, La Consulta, Altamira and Tupungato, with a total of 255 hectares under vine. This diverse source of vineyard sites allows us to cultivate each individual grape variety in the area that offers the best suited growing conditions. Of particular value is the source of old vines in the highly coveted region of La Consulta, where many believe the best Malbec grapes in Mendoza are being grown today. Here our vines reach ages of 65 years. The concentrated yields produced by these vines, combined with the high altitude, cool air and intense sunshine in this region, create grapes with rich fruit character, deep colour and smooth, ripe tannins.

### HARVEST & AGEING

The grapes are sourced from 40 year old vineyards in Tupungato, a region high in the Andes Mountains. The climate consists of bright sunny days, cool nights and a mild harvest, which allows for gradual ripening and optimum level of maturity. Hand-tended and hand-harvested, the Rutini family's high altitude vineyards provide the foundation for Trumpeter. The grapes are destemmed after 23 day fermentation and maceration. Ageing took place for 7 months in 50% new American oak and 50% in second and third year French oak. 100% malolactic fermentation.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Trumpeter Merlot displays concentrated aromas of blackberries, black cherries and cinnamon, which lead into deep flavors of plums and preserved red fruits. A juicy but intense wine with a rich, velvety texture, excellent balance and firm tannins.

Date of Harvest: March 2009

Grape Varieties: 100% Merlot

Finished Alcohol: 13.5%

Acidity/pH: 4.92 g/l/3.8



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