

FROM ARGENTINA *With pride*

In 2000, **AURELIO MONTES, sr.**, winemaker and founding partner of **VIÑA MONTES** in Chile, visited **MENDOZA** in Argentina. He was immediately impressed by its people, terroir, viticulture and enology, and excited by the opportunity to both learn from and contribute his own experience to a wine industry open to innovation. He saw the tremendous potential of the region and of Argentinian wines around the world.

Like the **CAIQUENES** (wild geese) that fly over Patagonia between Argentina and Chile, Montes decided to cross the Andes Mountains, which separate the two countries. The aim was clear: to make great wines by combining the exceptional conditions of the Mendoza region with the talents of professionals from Argentina and Chile. Wines that show the best of both sides of the Andes.



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KAIKEN MAI

In the language of the **PEHUENCHES**, the indigenous community that inhabited the Mendoza area, **MAI** means "FIRST". It is also the name chosen for our first icon wine, the proud result of a continuous search for excellence.

MAI is the perfect expression of **MALBEC** from our terroirs in the Agrelo, Vistalba, and Vista Flores regions of Mendoza. We carefully hand select grapes from 80-year-old vines, to make a unique and elegant wine of great character. It is aged for 18 months in barrels of new French oak and then for another 24 months in bottle, before release. This is a wine with ripe fruit and spicy aromas, and a silky, sensuous palate with smooth, ripe tannins.



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KAIKEN ULTRA

ULTRA MALBEC and **ULTRA CABERNET** are wines that express the wish of the **KAIKEN** and **MONTES** team of winemakers and growers to share their experience and knowledge of making high-quality wines on both sides of the Andes, particularly with these varieties emblematic of Argentina and Chile. In Mendoza, we grow both at our fincas in Uco and Vistalba. They are accompanied by a white wine, **ULTRA CHARDONNAY**.

The wines have tremendous structure, complexity, and a long finish. They have persistent tannins that are both firm and rounded. The wines are known for their minerality, fresh fruit, elegance, and sensuousness. Twelve months in barrel and another six in bottle, complete these outstanding wines.



KAIKEN TERROIR SERIES

The **TERROIR SERIES** of special wines demonstrates Argentina's viticultural history and distinctive varieties, through attractive and innovative blends of grapes sourced from the best terroirs.

These are complex wines that blend the best **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** and **MALBEC** with varieties that have tremendous personality, such as **BONARDA** and **PETIT VERDOT**.

These wines feature appealing fresh fruit aromas, and complexity on the palate enhanced by ten months' aging in French oak and six months' in bottle.

The red wines in this range are complemented by an attractive white **TORRONTÉS** from Cafayate in Salta.

