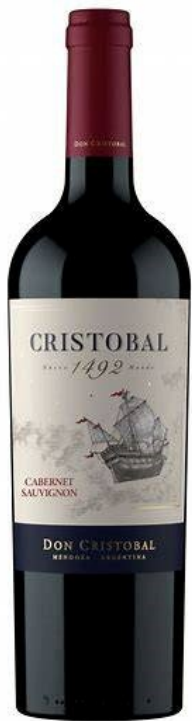


# BODEGAS DON CRISTOBAL 1492 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019/\$9.99



## DESCRIPTION

By far the largest and best-known winemaking province in Argentina, Mendoza is responsible for over 70% of the country's enological output. Set in the eastern foothills of the Andes Mountains, the climate is dry and continental, presenting relatively few challenges for viticulturists during the growing season. Mendoza, divided into several distinctive sub-regions, including Luján de Cuyo and the Uco Valley, is the source of some of the country's finest wines. For many wine lovers, Mendoza is practically synonymous with Malbec. Originally a Bordelaise variety brought to Argentina by the French in the mid-1800s, here it found success and renown that it never knew in its homeland where a finicky climate gives mixed results. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot and Pinot Noir are all widely planted here as well (and sometimes even blended with each other or Malbec). Mendoza's main white varieties include Chardonnay, Torrontés, Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon.

Don Cristóbal 1492 was established in 1998 and started its own wine production with the 2001 harvest. It is run by Argentinian Eduardo Lapania with his son Cristobal as CEO and the backing of Belgian family Vandenbalack.

Don Cristobal's four vineyards are located around Mendoza City; the winery is just 39km to the south of the city. The winery itself is very high tech with modern temperature control facilities, built in 2008 and is located in the El Remanso vineyard at Ugarteche, just off National Route 40. The cellar has a capacity of 2,200,000 litres including epoxy-coated concrete tanks, stainless steel tanks, and French and American oak barrels. The estate totals about 200 hectares of which 143 hectares are planted with vines over four sites: Finca La Niña; Finca La Pinta; Finca El Remanso; and Finca La Santa Maria. All harvesting is still done by hand and alongside some outstanding Malbec and Torrontes you will find Verdelho, Viognier and Bonar-

da making exciting wines. Most of the production is exported; about 85% is destined for foreign markets.

### **DON CRISTOBAL 1492 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019**

Cabernet Sauvignon (kab-er-nay saw-vin-yawn) is one of the world's most widely recognized red wine grape varieties. It is grown in nearly every major wine producing country among a diverse spectrum of climates from Australia and British Columbia, Canada to Lebanon's Beqaa Valley. Cabernet Sauvignon became internationally recognized through its prominence in Bordeaux wines, where it is often blended with Merlot and Cabernet Franc. From France and Spain, the grape spread across Europe and to the New World where it found new homes in places like California's Santa Cruz Mountains, Paso Robles, Napa Valley, New Zealand's Hawke's Bay, South Africa's Stellenbosch region, Australia's Margaret River, McLaren Vale and Coonawarra regions, and Chile's Maipo Valley and Colchagua. For most of the 20th century, it was the world's most widely planted premium red wine grape until it was surpassed by Merlot in the 1990s. However, by 2015, Cabernet Sauvignon had once again become the most widely planted wine grape, with a total of 341,000 hectares under vine worldwide.

### **Tasting Notes**

#### **NOSE:**

Aromas of black cherry, black currant with a hint of spice.

#### **PALATE:**

Wine drinkers today can find many Cabernet Sauvignon options in the market. Some Cabernet Sauvignon wines are sumptuous and fruity, others are savory and smoky. It all depends on where the Cabernet Sauvignon grows and how it's made into wine. This Argentinian cabernet is full-bodied, dry, with subtle tannins and has a good balance of fruit and earth notes.

#### **PAIRING:**

The rich flavor and high tannin content in Cabernet Sauvignon make it a perfect partner to rich grilled meats, peppery sauces, and dishes with high flavor.

#### **WINERY WEBSITE:**

[Don Cristóbal – Don Cristóbal – Mendoza – Argentina \(doncristobal.com.ar\)](http://doncristobal.com.ar)

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