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MERLOT TANNAT CABERNET FRANC

Production Area: From Maldonado the coastal hills of Punta del Este, Uruguay

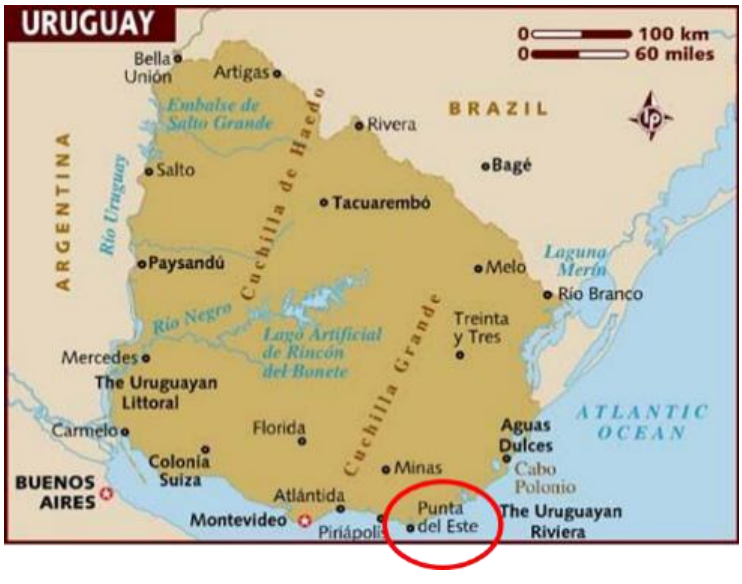
Grape Varieties: 40% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 30% Tannat

Vinification and Ageing: Each variety was harvested at its optimum maturity stage. Grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature. During fermentation pumping overs were performed daily to improve extraction. The Tannat is aged in barrel for nine months to soften the tannins before being blended with the other grapes. The wine was *lightly filtered* and bottled six months after blending without stabilization.

Tasting Notes: With a lively red color. It has an elegant aroma of red fruits (strawberries and raspberries) and a touch of vanilla. In the mouth it feels soft and fresh, with mature tannins that provide roundness and equilibrium. Delicate ending, yet persistent.

Serving suggestions: Beef, lamb, strong cheeses, roasted game, and sausages.

Awards and Reviews: 90 Points & Best Buy, Vivino 4 Stars, Descorchados (Patricio Tapia) 88-90Pts. Consistently



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