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**Anko Malbec, Salta 2017** named a **Recommended Wine from Argentina** by **Kim Marcus**,  
**#1 Top Value Wine and #1 Top Value Malbec**  
from over 275 wines tasted in the **December 31<sup>st</sup> Wine Spectator Annual Argentina Report**

**Score: 92 | \$20** **Wine Spectator**

*“Pure and minerally, showing dark plum, boysenberry and macerated cherry flavors. Creamy midpalate, with a long, intense finish.”*

Featured prominently in the article, is Anko Malbec, Salta 2017. According to Kim Marcus, “Leading the pack so far is the Anko Salta (92, \$20), pure and minerally. Its co-owner is Mendoza native Alejandro Sejanovich, a veteran of Catena, who helped plant the Adrianna Vineyard while working there in the late 1990s. Salta produces only about 2% of Argentina’s wines, but it overperforms due to the high altitude of many of its vineyards, which deliver intensely flavored grapes with thick skins that are grown under intense sunlight. The Anko vineyard is no exception: First planted in 2008, it lies at 5,700 feet above sea level.”

**ABOUT ANKO**

Established in 2008 by Fernando Saavedra Jr and his father, Estancia los Cardones is home to Anko Malbec. Together with partners, Catena alumni Jeff Mausbach and celebrated winemaker Alejandro (Colo) Sejanovich, their dream to create a boutique winery in their native Salta became a reality. The name Estancia los Cardones pays tribute to the giant cacti – Cardones in the region; and the name Anko means High Water in the native Quechuan language.

The winery with its vineyards at over 5,700 feet above sea level, is located in Tolombon south of Cafayate in the Calchaqui Valley, known as the highest wine growing region in the world. The Calchaqui Valley is a unique micro-climate, boarded by mountain ranges to the east and west and a constant breeze that keeps insects and rain away. With the arid conditions, irrigation is a must. Altitude, extreme thermal amplitude (hot days, cool nights) rocky, dry soil and little rainfall combine for perfect growing conditions to create wines with intense color, rich flavors, loads of minerality and spice, soft tannins and balanced acidity.

Anko Wines are exclusively imported by Vino del Sol, Your Trusted Source for Great Wines.

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