

ANKO

Los Cardones, Tolombón, Salta, Argentina

The Best Expression of an Exciting Salta Terroir



Anko means “high water” in the native Indian language of Salta, located in the northwest corner of Argentina. Wine Enthusiast quoted Anko winemaker Jeff Mausbach as follows: "Salta is a land of extremes—extreme beauty, extreme altitude, extreme sunlight. These extremes make for a singular expression of Malbec—powerful, structured wines with a savory minerality that is very different from other regions in Argentina."

In this rugged, mountainous desert, an “Anko,” or high altitude oasis, was treasured as a precious sanctuary, protection from the harsh elements of nature.

Our estate vineyards in Estancia Los Cardones, named for the area's majestic cacti which can grow as tall as 30 feet, are indeed an oasis amid the surrounding jagged landscape. The winemakers and co-owners are Jeff Mausbach and Alejandro “Colo” Sejanovich; the other co-owners are the Saavedra Azcona family.

Anko Malbec

92 points, James Suckling ('16);

90 points & Year's Best Argentine Malbec, Wine & Spirits ('14);

In Los Cardones, Malbec produces a very unique expression. The very intense sunshine at 5,600' elevation produces concentrated dark fruit flavors. The cold Andean nights lend floral and sweet spice aromatics. The stony soil profile provides excellent structure.

Anko Torrontés

90 points, Wine Advocate ('16); **90 points, Wine & Spirits** ('13)

Salta's intense sunshine and cold andean nights produce a bright, refreshing style of Torrontés, with intense floral aromatics, citrus fruit flavors and a stony minerality.

Anko Malbec Flor de Cardon

92 points & Year's Best Argentine Malbec, Wine & Spirits ('14);

91 points & 90 points, Wine Advocate ('14 & '13);

91 points & Top Wine of Salta, Wine Enthusiast ('12).

Local legend holds that a young Indian princess, escaping through the desert with her lover, was scratched by the sharp thorns of the Cardon cactus. Her blood, spilled on the spines, blossomed into beautiful white flowers.



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