



ESTANCIA LOS CARDONES - SALTA

# ANKO

## MALBEC FLOR DE CARDÓN 2019

### VINTAGE NOTES

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

**LABEL NOTES:** Anko means “high water” in the native Indian language of Salta, located in the northwest corner of Argentina. 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.

**FERMENTATION:** Micro-fermentation in 500kg harvest bins. Gentle destemming; 10 day cold maceration at 7°C. Natural yeast fermentation at max temperature of 18°C for 18 days. Extensive cap management of pump overs, punch downs and delestage for the first 12 days. 100% malolactic fermentation.

**COLOR:** Dark ruby red

**TASTING NOTES:** There is nice ripeness without any excess; it has ripe aromas and notes reminiscent of decayed violets, with focused and pure flavors, juicy and textured. It's very pleasant and long, serious and dry.

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Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE



**VINTAGE** 2019

**WINEMAKER** Diana Bellincioni, Alejandro “Colo” Sejanovich & Jeff Mausbach

**WINERY** Anko

**VINEYARDS** Estancia Los Cardones, Salta

**VARIETAL** 100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ALTITUDE**  
5,700 feet

**SUSTAINABLY FARMED** 100%

**HARVEST METHOD** By Hand

**AGING** 12 months in French oak barrels, 20% new

**ALCOHOL** 13.9%

**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 1,000 Cases

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.18%

**ACIDITY** TA of 5.67 g/L, pH of 3.73

**PACK SIZE** 12/750

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