



**92 POINTS**

*James Suckling, May 2024*

**VINTAGE** 2021

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**

3,120 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 16 years

**ALCOHOL** 14%

**CASES IMPORTED** 300

**UPC** 835603003130



C A S A R E N A

## NAOKI SINGLE VINEYARD MALBEC 2021

This single vineyard wine comes from a newly discovered terroir - an untouched plateau rich with Indian cement that imparts a unique minerality to the usually fruity varietal.

**WINERY BACKGROUND:** Casarena is a true Mendoza destination for adventurers, foodies, and wine lovers. The winery was built in 1937 and sits in the heartland of Mendoza's historic winemaking region, Lujan de Cuyo. The distinctive single vineyard wines make for unique culinary pairings that will elevate any dining experience whether at the winery's world-class restaurant, your favorite local establishment or at your own dining room table.

The name "Casarena" is a creative merging of the Spanish words "casa" (house) and "arena" (sand), and is a tribute to the sand-colored stone winery and the sandy soil that their estate is built on.

**VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:** Hand-harvested from the Naoki Vineyard in Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo. Cold maceration for 7-10 days; total maceration 45-50 days. Selected yeast and spontaneous malolactic fermentation. Aged in French oak for 12 months.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** On the nose, marked floral profile characteristics of this property, as well as the typical notes of the varietal: plums and fresh red fruit with floral notes and a subtle touch of spices from the local flora. A complex & balanced wine with a mineral texture and long finish. Pair with slow-braised short ribs, bacon-wrapped dates, or spicy cheeses.



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