

DOMINIO DEL PLATA **2016 BenMarco Expresivo**

Tasting Notes

Deep, bright ruby showing blackberry, blueberry and floral character. Chalk, earthy and floral notes. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a superb finish.

Food Pairing: Grilled meats, veal, medium-strong cheeses and spicy sauces.

Technical Data

Varietal: 87% Malbec, 13% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.4%

Acidity: 5.9 gr/L

Region: Mendoza

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Rated 96, Decanter, James Suckling, April 5, 2018

"This really builds on the nose with notes of pure blackcurrants, iodine, ink, graphite, crushed stones, flint, morello-cherry essence and licorice. The fresh purity of the fruit that permeates the entire palate is what makes this wine. The tannins are so compact and dialed-in, framing tons of violet and lavender flavors and carrying them long on the finish. 75% malbec and 25% cabernet franc. Drink in 2022."

Available through Vintages: LCBO +263517

Rated 93, Luis Gutierréz, Wine Advocate, June 29, 2018

"There is great purity in the 2016 BenMarco Expresivo. It's floral, ethereal, fresh and complex, and it's still very young and lively in a way that I really like. This year the blend is 75% Malbec and 25% Cabernet Franc, with all the wild herbs and flowers from Gualtallary. It has a vibrant palate, with the varieties nicely integrated and complementing each other. 22,000 bottles were filled in July 2017."

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Rated 91, Michael Godel, WineAlign, November 3, 2018

"Expresivo hangs out at the pinnacle of the Benmarco continuum with the deepest fruit possible attained by the best selections. It's also possessive of the finest acidities or more to the point, coaxed from perfect grapes managed out of a generous vintage. The three to one malbec to cabernet sauvignon ratio adds up to 100 per cent Uco Valley generosity. Drink 2018-2022."

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Rated 91 & Explorer's Selection, Michael Vaughan, vintageassessment.com, November 10, 2018

"Extremely deep intense purple colour. Intense, spicy, fairly ripe black cherry-cassis-plum nose cedar notes plus a touch of vanilla stick. Dry, medium-full bodied, well structured, dense, spicy, intense, black cherrycassis-plum flavours with lots of cedar notes on the lingering, high acid finish."

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Rated 91, Natalie MacLean, November 10, 2018

"Benmarco Expresivo 2016 is a medium-to-full bodied 75% Malbec and 25% Cabernet Franc red wine blend from the Uco Valley in Argentina. Edy del Popolo is the winemaker and viticulturist for this very expressive wine with bright red cherry, blackberry, earthy florals, anise and flinty notes on the palate. Good structure with tight tannins right now. Better in 2020."

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