# **CADUS**

# SIGNATURE SERIES

# **PETIT VERDOT**

2018



# VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

## **HARVEST**

Hand picked, March 31, 2018.

## **APPELLATION**

Los Chacayes, Tunuyán, Uco Valley, Mendoza.

#### VINEYARD

Vineyards in Los Chacayes, approximately 15 years old, 1,200 MASL. High trellis, high density of 5,555 plants/ha, and drip irrigation. Continental, semi-arid climate.

#### Soil

Sandy soil with limestone and minerals, with scarce organic material and excellent runoff.

# **VEGETATIVE CYCLE**

The quality of wine from the 2018 vintage is excellent, as was the yield from the vines. The season's winter temperatures and phenological cycles were normal compared with historical averages. However, on October 13<sup>th</sup>, a blanket of frost affected several hectares of vines in Mendoza. In general, despite this weather event, the yields were greater than the last three harvests.

In the final weeks of January and early February, there were heat waves and daytime temperatures that exceeded 38°C. The second half of February and March had cool nights and good temperature variations, which favored the polyphenolic maturity of the grape skins.

Rainfall reached the historical annual average of between 250 and 280 mm, lower than the three previous seasons. This allowed the clusters to remain in excellent health until harvested.

# AGING

Aged in French oak barrels for 12 months for 60% of the wine.

# TASTING NOTES

A blackish wine with purplish hues. It is complex on the nose with several layers of aroma, including smoky, graphite notes with hints of herbs like bay leaf or methol and savory fruits like black currant. It is opulent and intense in the first sip and then fruit forward, with the vibrant nuances of youth that will evolve over time.