



CHAKANA



The Pelizzatti family can trace their winemaking heritage back to the 14th Century when their ancestors produced wine from the terraced vineyards of Valtellina, Italy. Today the family still draws upon this legacy to inspire the creation of authentic wines that represent the best of the Mendoza region.

IMAGES This page – Left – Gabriel Bloise the wine maker. Right – Typical terroir found in Chakana's Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco vineyard. Opposite page – Chakana winery, Mendoza, Lujan de Cuyo.

Chakana is a winery dedicated to the study and understanding of some of the best terroirs of Mendoza, Argentina. Its goal is to produce authentic wines that express the character and identity of the Andean soils.

The winery is located south of the city of Mendoza in Agrelo, Lujan de Cuyo, which is traditionally one of the prime areas in the region for

to the wines from this area, including Chakana's Estate Selection range and Ayni, its single vineyard wine.

In the winery, Chakana use a selection of small tanks which are made from different materials (including stainless steel and oak vats). These help to maintain the true identity of the different wines and allow varying lengths of ageing, according to the varietal.

Chakana's grapes are grown on their own organic estate, situated in the premium micro regions of Mendoza



growing grapes. The 75-hectare Nuna estate is home to Chakana's range of estate-bottled wines, all of which are organically certified and made from Argentina's flagship varieties. The vineyards include 15-year-old Malbec, Bonarda, Syrah and selected white varieties that are perfectly suited to the region's soil profiles. In addition to this site, Chakana has developed a terroir-oriented range of wines from its 42 hectares of vineyards in Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco, one of the upcoming stars of the Mendoza region. The calcareous gravelly soils of Paraje Altamira and its high altitude (1,100 metres) give a fresh mineral character

Winemaking at Chakana is based on very little human intervention and relies on natural yeasts and the minimal addition of sulphur. They are both a socially and environmentally responsible wine producer whose commitment to the environment is endorsed by its Organic, Biodynamic and Fair for Life certifications.

In 2012 Chakana started a conversion process to restore and maintain the health of its soils by transforming its production to organic and biodynamic methods. The Nuna estate has been certified organic from the 2014 vintage onwards and has been certified biodynamic since 2016. The Los Cedros vineyard in Altamira is also certified organic and all the other vineyards are now in the process of being converted to the same standard.

The name of the company (Chakana) is taken from the Inca name for the Southern Cross constellation that governed their agricultural calendar. The Inca understanding and respect for nature's forces has inspired the winery's approach to winemaking and the Chakana cross is symbolic of this philosophy.

IMAGES Left – Malbec vines.
Top right – Chakana barrel.
Middle right – Vineyards with winery in background.
Bottom right – Juan Pelizzatti.

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Chakana Range – young fruit driven wines aged briefly in oak. This range includes Torrontés, Malbec Rose, and Malbec.

Chakana Nuna Estate – an elegant range of wines which includes a white blend, made up of Chardonnay, Viognier & Sauvignon Blanc, and 100% varietal Malbec, Bonarda and Syrah wines with a balanced expression of fruit and careful oak ageing.

Chakana Estate Selection – a range of limited production wines produced each year from the best grapes from the best vines. This range consists of Chardonnay, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon, together with a red blend made from Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

Chakana Ayni – the Estate’s iconic Malbec from Altamira, Valle de Uco, a full expression of Mendoza’s best terroir.

IMAGES Above – Chakana winery. Bottles – Chakana Nuna Estate, Chakana Estate Selection and Ayni, the Estate’s iconic Malbec from Altamira.

