

CALCÁREO

BONARDA 2012

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The 2012 Calcareo Bonarda is dark-colored, opaque, almost black, with black fruit, and smoked peat notes. It is an austere, serious Bonarda (a variety that now is going to be renamed Bonarda Argentina, because it is Charbono, not the Italian Bonarda) that is quite concentrated, structured and austere, coming from cold, almost deserted soils which have a big influence on the wine. It needs a little bit of time in bottle to polish the tannins. Drink 2015-2020.



This is a project started in 2011 in which the three "main" Michelini brothers (Gerardo, Matias and Juanpi) are joined by "the fourth Michelini," Gabriel, who is not involved in the other projects. All the vineyards they use are head-pruned (something not that common in Mendoza), and they are going to build a very small winery. They do follow biodynamic practices, here and in all their projects, but in this personal adventure they are going one step further, already involving their kids (they are very small), so they learn to respect nature. They have vineyards with mixed varieties, fruit, animals. Here they want there to be no limits. Calcareo is a line that wants to express the soils from Gualtallary.

