

# RUTINI ENCUENTRO BARREL BLEND 2009



## Wine Introduction

What is Encuentro? “Encuentro”, in Spanish, means “encounter” or “meeting”. For this range Rutini has combined the perfect encounter between varietals, regions, and winemakers. Two international winemaking talents join forces: Rutini winemaker, Mariano Di Paola, and wine consultant, Paul Hobbs. Encuentro combines ripe, concentrated fruit with balance, finesse and ageing potential. This stunning blend harmoniously combines the individual characteristics of each of the grape varieties and the 7 vineyards. A “perfect meeting” between the true expression of varieties, innovation, and high quality of Rutini Wines.

## Tasting Notes

A well-structured red blend with vibrant ruby red colour. On the nose, captures an appealing mix of well-ripened, juicy, red fruits and soft, floral notes of lavender and violet from the Malbec. Aromas of mint and menthol combined with liquorice and thyme essences are transmitted from the Petit Verdot. Notes of fresh plum and blackberry preserves are also present from the Merlot. It is topped off with hints of spice undertones of black and red pepper from the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The delicate combination of chocolate, tobacco, coffee and vanilla essences are also present from its 18 months in new French oak. The palate is very smooth and well-balanced from the intense fruit flavours to the solid structure and elegant tannins which make for a “perfect meeting”.

## Wine Information

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| <b>Country:</b>       | Argentina   |
| <b>Region:</b>        | Mendoza   |
| <b>Winemaker:</b>     | Mariano di Paola  |
| <b>Grape:</b>         | 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Malbec,<br>10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot, 10% Merlot |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>       | 14.5%   |
| <b>Total Acidity:</b> | 5.65g/L   |
| <b>pH:</b>            | 3.76  |
| <b>Closure:</b>       | Cork  |
| <b>Bottle Size:</b>   | 75cl  |
| <b>Case Size:</b>     | 6 Bottles per pack  |