

## Séptima Gran Reserva 2018

*Bodega Séptima, a leading producer in Mendoza, blends Spanish winemaking heritage with the region's unique terroir. Founded in 1999 by the Codorníu Raventós group, its high-altitude vineyards in the Uco Valley and Agrelo benefit from alluvial soils. The Séptima Gran Reserva 2018 exemplifies this, showcasing intense fruit character and refined tannins.*



### General Information

- **Producer:** Bodega Séptima
- **Appellation:** Mendoza, Argentina
- **Varietal Composition:** 62% Malbec, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Tannat
- **Vintage:** 2018
- **Alcohol Content:** 14.9%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Grapes are sourced from various high-altitude vineyards across Luján de Cuyo and Uco Valley, ranging from 1,050 to 1,310 meters above sea level.
- **Soil Type:** The soils are predominantly alluvial, featuring a mix of sand, silt, and stones. Specific vineyard characteristics promote black fruit expression, structure, and minerality in the wine.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Sustainable farming with precise irrigation and pruning to ensure optimal fruit quality.



## Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes are harvested by hand in 20 kg crates, ensuring careful selection.
  - **Vinification:** The must undergoes cold maceration at 5°C for 7-10 days for half of the grapes, followed by fermentation at 28°C with indigenous yeasts. The other 50% undergoes various micro-vinifications using different techniques, including whole bunches, co-fermentation, and selected yeast, among others. The wine is aged in French and American oak barrels for 18 months, followed by 6-12 months of bottle aging before release.
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## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Bright, deep-red with purple shades.
  - **Aroma:** Spicy notes of nutmeg and pepper, complemented by minty touches and red fruit aromas such as plum.
  - **Palate:** Broad, with spicy notes from Cabernet Sauvignon and barrel aging. Balanced acidity, pleasant tannins, and a long, complex finish.
  - **Aging Potential:** Can be enjoyed now or aged for up to 10 years.
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## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Ideal with roasted meats, mature cheeses, and richly seasoned stews.
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## Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- **Sustainable Winemaking:** Emphasis on minimal environmental impact, maintaining vineyard health, and eco-friendly practices.
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### Awards and Recognition

- **Wine Enthusiast:** 92 points (2020)
- **JamesSuckling.com:** 91 points (2020), 91 points (2019), 90 points (2018)
- **Bacchus España:** Gold Medal (2016)

### Producer's Notes

Séptima Gran Reserva 2018 captures the rich heritage and terroir of Mendoza, offering a wine that is both classic and modern, with layers of complexity and elegance.