

Corazon del Sol, Magma Revana Vineyard 2017 Los Chacayes

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29% Malbec, 24% Cabernet Franc, 24% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon. Corazon del Sol means 'heart of the sun' – a play on Dr Revana's job as a heart surgeon and the Uco Valley being one of the sunniest places on earth. They do lots of work in the vineyard to reduce yields, usually dropping about 50% of the fruit at green harvest, aiming for around one bottle per vine. They want to create a bordeaux blend with roots in Argentina. The Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon are co-fermented. They ferment at very high temperatures of 29–30 °C, right to the limit, aiming for lots of extraction of tannins and aromas. 12 pumpovers a day for 45 minutes each time – basically pumpovers are running for half of the day. Extraction and aeration blows off alcohol, avoids reduction, keeps florals. A lot of manual labour and hands-on-deck winemaking, says export manager Tom Bere.

Massively perfumed – but with density and power deeply rooted. Has a beef-carpaccio and smoked-duck meatiness in a musky veil. Strong, cool herbal fragrance that picks up on the palate and runs the length of the wine with lithe, supple, long-distance-runner sinews. Violets and graphite. Irises and white pepper. Pomegranate sweetness. The tannins insist with confidence, but don't overdeliver or dry out. Lovely dark-fruited balance despite the deep, meaty concentration. (TC)

Producer	Corazon del Sol
Cuvée	Magma Revana Vineyard
Appellation	Los Chacayes
Region	Mendoza

Country	Argentina (/learn/wine-regions/argentina)
Colour	Red
Alcohol	13.5%
Score	17
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