

Corazon del Sol, Luminoso GSM Revana Vineyard Single Block 13 2017 Los Chacayes

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*This is cardiologist Dr Madaiah Revana's third wine estate, started from scratch in the middle of the Uco Valley. He was on holiday in Argentina, fell in love, and made an impulse decision, buying land in the 1,500-acre **Vines of Mendoza***

(http://www.vinesofmendoza.com/private_vineyard/en/owners-stories.html) project. They were one of the first vineyard owners. It's a barren area 1,200m above sea level, on an old river bed. Just rock with 5% sand. They had to clear massive boulders to plant the vineyards: 7 acres in 2008, and another 10 acres in 2009 and 2011. Vines of Mendoza has water rights for three 300-metre-deep wells on the property, which is what keeps their vines irrigated. They bottled the first GSM blend in 2012. They have one acre of each variety, planted in 2008. All three plots are picked on the same day and co-fermented – although Mourvèdre struggles to ripen at the same time as Grenache and Syrah, the reductiveness of Mourvèdre and Syrah protect the Grenache from oxidation. 2017, however, was a unique year – late frosts in spring, massively reduced yields and the Mourvèdre was way behind, even more than usual. So they picked and fermented the Grenache (54%) and Syrah (35%) together, then picked the Mourvèdre later and fermented it by itself (about 10–11% of final blend). 5% stems for grippiness. 12 months in second- third- and fourth-use French oak barrels.

Very savoury, very solid, very emphatic. Tannins first. Leaf and plum nose. Graphite and metal. Lots of hunkered-down, muscular, thoroughbred power here. Not a hint of jam in this ripe, black-skinned fruit. Roast beef and if you could scrape the pan or the grill and deglaze with rosemary, you'd have the herbs and the char and the caramelisation. More savoury than the Napa, with a line of blackcurrant and shiso leaf drawn through the centre. Deep spice that fills the nose from the throat. Powerful, muscular tannins. Impressive polish. (TC)

Producer	Corazon del Sol
Cuvée	Luminoso GSM Revana Vineyard Single Block 13
Appellation	Los Chacayes
Region	Mendoza
Country	Argentina (/learn/wine- regions/argentina)
Colour	Red
Alcohol	13%
Score	16.5
When to drink	2021 - 2027
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Stockist	£38 Winebuyers