

Located in the remote upper reaches of Argentina's Uco Valley on the eastern slopes of the Andes, the vineyards of Bodegas Salentein are planted at some of the highest elevations on the planet. It's from this lofty outpost, 65 miles south of Mendoza city, the country's winemaking capital, that the winery has enjoyed an astonishing ascension onto the international winemaking stage.



In just one decade, Salentein has sold over ten million bottles of wine in more than 40 countries worldwide, ranking number seven in Argentina for total sales both to the domestic and export markets. Remarkably, it has enjoyed its tremendous success while remaining true to the stated goal of this very progressive winery: to make high-quality Argentine wines, while respecting and supporting the people, nature and community from which the wines are created.

Salentein's commitment to the community and the environment has included initiatives to help pioneer sustainable wine tourism in Mendoza's Uco Valley. The producer's efforts are most evident in its state-of-the-art winery and cellars, which opened in 2000. Like all the facilities on this near 5,000-acre private estate, including the award-winning Killka Center for Culture and the Arts, this uniquely cross-shaped structure was built by regional craftsmen using local materials and incorporating indigenous architectural features. Espacio Salentein is also home to a 125-acre nature preserve that protects the unique flora, fauna and wildlife of the Uco Valley. For its efforts, Bodegas Salentein has received numerous tourism awards and accolades. Bodegas Salentein's respect for nature is equally apparent in the vineyards and throughout the production process. Those efforts include:



- Vegetation is managed through sustainable viticulture techniques. Pesticides are never used in the vineyards, and herbicides are only applied when absolutely necessary.
- Rather than tilling of soils between vine rows, natural vegetation is encouraged to reduce soil erosion.
- All organic matter produced in the vineyard during the production process is returned to the land as a natural fertilizer.
- All vines are drip-irrigated for maximum water conservation and management.
- All water used during the production process is recycled and returned to the public system.
- Wine bottles and packing cases are made using recycled materials.



Throughout the estate, Bodegas Salentein is committed to reducing energy consumption, cutting usage by over 18 percent in the last three years alone. It is also actively seeking alternative energy sources such as solar and hydroelectric power. Bodegas Salentein has earned environmental certification, including one for reducing CO2 emissions.

 **All Wines are Vegan**

 **All Wines are Gluten Free**

