



### **TERRA ROSA 2014 – WINEMAKER NOTES**

In both California and Argentina, the 2014 vintage was stunning, which makes for a very exciting year of sales. To paraphrase Tolstoy, All great vintages are alike; each less-than-great vintage is less-than-great in its own way. The original quote regarding families (Google it) never made much sense to me, but applying the concept to wine, it does ring true. Great (red wine) vintages share common themes: full maturity, balance, and depth.

The foundation of the 2014 Terra Rosa is our oldest vineyard: the 100+ y/o property in Perdriel. Here the clay-loam soil retains the sparse winter moisture; in a cooler year, this is a liability, as it seems to inhibit even ripening. But in a moderately warm and unrelentingly even and trouble-free year like 2014, this extra bit of groundwater seems to naturally sustain the maturation of the fruit without much irrigation (remember that Mendoza is a virtual desert, with meager rainfall). Pictured above is the recently retired manager of the Perdriel vineyard, Don Enrico, who lovingly tended the vines for 62 years.

The fragrant and rich fruit of the Perdriel vineyard was supplemented with the dark black and powerful malbec of our Iris vineyard in the far south of the Valle de Uco; this is our finest vineyard year in and out, and it forms the basis of our fabulous 2014 Tierra Divina.

Here you have it: perfect growing conditions, full maturity, balance, and depth: a true happy family!