

# Familia Schroeder `Saurus` Patagonia Select Malbec 2009

**Country** Argentina

**Region** Patagonia

Patagonia is the most southerly wine producing region of Latin America, lying to the south of Mendoza and las Pampas. With considerable new investment, Argentinian Patagonia is fast emerging as the country's most exciting cool climate vineyard, making elegant wines with balance and complexity in contrast to the more masculine reds of Mendoza. The region includes two important wine producing provinces, Neuquen to the west, at over 300m altitude beneath the Andes mountains, and the Rio Negro, which follows the long valley of the same name towards the Atlantic Ocean. These are semi arid, aluvial desert vineyards which benefit from constant sun and breezes that help mitigate disease. The vines are able to produce cool climate varieties including Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc with good aroma and concentration as well as perfect levels of acidity.



**Type** Red

**Style** Robust

**Oaked Style** Lightly oaked

**Body Style** Full bodied

**Alcohol Content (%)** 14.5

**Closure Style** Cork

**Organic / Biodynamic** Normal

**Grape Varieties Percentage**

Malbec 100%

**Producer** Familia Schroeder

These lands are magical - they hide astonishing mysteries! When construction began to build the winery a dinosaur was unearthed and in tribute to this 75million year giant, the name Saurus was given in tribute! Alpataco is a shrub commonly found in the Monte Desert, which lies southeast of the Atacama Desert in Chile, north of the larger Patagonian Desert, and east of the Andes. Located at 39' Latitude South in San Patricio del Chanar near Neuquen the Schroeder vineyards are planted on gravelly soils and combined with warm days and cool nights provide near perfect conditions for grape cultivation. This is a distinguished range of wines with intense aromas and elegant tannins, well structured and with the best characteristics of each vintage.

**Awards** Silver medal IWC 2012.

**Tasting (Long)** This Malbec features an intense dark purplish red that shows maturity. To the nose it is complex - ripe red fruit aromas such as currants, plums and sour berries melt with some spicy hints. Due to ageing in oak casks some vanilla and coffee notes are shown. The mouth-feel is pleasant and well balanced. The long, lingering finish is dominated by sweet, velvety tannins.

**Tasting (Short)** Dried fruits, blackcurrants and plum and with a hint of spice, it is supple and has a full, fruity mouth feel. Soft tannins give a long sweet finish.

**Serving Suggestion** Spit roasted lamb with rosemary and garlic, pork stuffed with prunes and with cheese.

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