

# CHAKANA

ANDEAN WINES

## About Chakana Winery

Chakana is a family owned and run winery located at 960 meters of altitude on the foothills of the **Andes in Agrelo, Mendoza**. It is one of the leading projects amongst the new generation of winemakers dedicated to the discovery and expression of the Andean diversity of climate and soils.

Founded in 2002 by **Juan Pelizzatti**, a son of Italian immigrants with historic roots in northern Italy's viticulture, under the guidance of **Gabriel Bloise**, a young and adventurous winemaker, Chakana has developed a wine style that has become renowned for its purity and authenticity.

Starting from its 80 ha home vineyard in **Agrelo, Mendoza**, in 2011 Chakana has expanded by acquiring two vineyards in **Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco** (Mendoza), a 100 year old Malbec vineyard in historic **Mayor Drummond, Lujan de Cuyo** (Mendoza) and 8 ha in Gualtallary, Valle de Uco (Mendoza), **the new star region of Argentina**. This has created a rich palette of soils and climates, which range from the calcareous soils and high altitude **Gualtallary** (1300 mts) and **Paraje Altamira** (1100 mts), through the loamy colluvial soils of **Agrelo** (960 mts), to the warmer gravelly character of **Mayor Drummond**. This configuration of vineyards and the adoption of organic and biodynamic practices for all its estates are the result of its commitment with the construction of a portfolio of truly authentic wines at key price points that can represent Argentina's modern identity in the international markets. Chakana vineyards are currently certified organic according to EU and USA regulations, certified biodynamic and Fair for Life ethical certification.

## Winemaking

Chakana's winemaking style promotes minimum intervention in the winery by using indigenous yeasts, minimizing the use of sulphur and other additives and selecting porous materials for wine ageing – large volume barrels and un-lined cement vats which are adapted to local varieties in order

to preserve the character of a specific place. Gabriel Bloise, a member of the new generation of Mendoza winemakers, is in charge of winemaking. He has developed his skills by participating in multiple harvests in key regions of the world such as Tuscany, California, Priorat, and Australia.

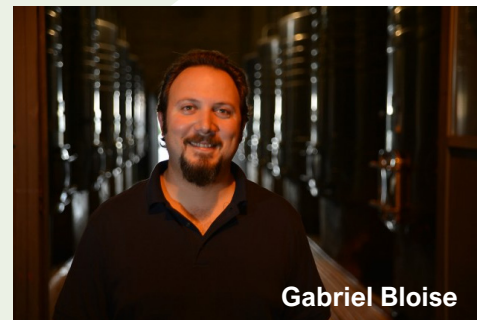
Gabriel understands winemaking as a tool to express nature and believes the best wines are those that hide the hand of its maker to reveal their place.

Chakana Winery together with Natural Merchants brings a new brand, **Inkarri**, of Organic & Biodynamic wines from the beautiful Mendoza Region.

Inkarri features a line of single vineyard estate bottled varietals from Agrelo, Lujan de Cuyo (the home of Malbec) including Malbec, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, an unusual white blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier and a limited edition of a unique Madiran style blend of Tannat, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc that scored 92 points with English wine writer Tim Atkin. Also, the Winemaker's Reserve range features an elegant and mineral Malbec from our vineyard in Paraje Altamira, Valle de Uco and a Cabernet Sauvignon from high altitude (1400 mts) Gualtallary, Valle de Uco.



Juan Pelizzatti



Gabriel Bloise

**Inkarri Wines is a tribute to the ancient Inca's philosophy and beliefs taught throughout ages**

Inkarri takes its name from the postcolumbian myth of the return of the Inca king, which symbolizes a return to the origins. At Chakana we understand biodynamics as a holistic approach to farming and winemaking. The Demeter certification therefore serves as a guarantee to our consumer of low input, soil enlivening and identity preserving practices that go beyond "commercial" organics.

*"For many moons, there was peace and harmony on Earth, and men and women lived as One with the natural world."*

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