

SALENTEIN WINES TOP SCORES

Salentein Gran VU Blend 2012

93 Pts

Perfectly sound and ripe blackberry aromas come with a rooty note, a touch of oaky coconut and fine-grained wood scents. This blend of 72% Malbec and 28% Cabernet Sauvignon is compact and layered. Ripe cassis, blackberry and chocolate flavors finish toasty and with hints of coffee and spice. Drink through 2022. —M.S.

Salentein Primus Malbec 2013

93 Pts

Editors' Choice. *This is a top-dog Malbec from start to finish. Aromas of cassis, black plum and blackberry are well oaked and in harmony with each other. While this is tannic, rubbery and hard in feel, the wine's lusty plum, raisin, chocolate and herbal flavors can handle it. A spicy, toasty, chocolaty finish is fully oaked and strapping. Drink through 2023. —M.S.*

Salentein Primus Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

93 Pts

Editors' Choice. *This classy Cabernet marks a high point for Salentein. On the nose, it's redolent of oak grain, tobacco, vanilla and all sorts of berry fruits. The palate is full, ripe and solid as an ox. Spiced berry, tobacco and cedary flavors finish dry, sturdy and lightly herbal. Drink through 2022.*

Salentein Single Vineyard Malbec 2013

93 Pts

Editors' Choice. *This fully ripe vineyard-designated Malbec deals aromas of blackberry, cassis, raisin and cedar cigar box. Seriously built and almost monolithic in size and stature, this offers a wave of upfront oak that frames blackberry, loamy earth and baking spice flavors. A woody, persistent, elegant finish is a fine way for this to fade out. Drink through 2023. —M.S.*

Salentein Gran VU Blend 2011

92 Pts

Stout aromas of ripe blackberry and cassis come with mocha and dry spice notes on the nose of this Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon blend. A firm mouthfeel with grinding tannins is a good set up to oaky, ripe berry flavors accented by wood grain, cocoa and cinnamon notes. Plenty of oak graces a long, ripe, solid finish. Drink through 2018.

Salentein Single Vineyard Malbec 2012

92 Pts

Ripe, jammy aromas of smashed blueberry are elevated by hints of herbs and cola. A layered and lively mouthfeel is a big plus on this plot-selection Malbec, while blackberry, herb and smoked-meat flavors finish firm fresh and with depth. Drink through 2022.

Salentein Numina Malbec 2013

92 Pts

Ripe, loamy blackberry, prune and cassis aromas lead to a structured palate that boasts big, firm tannins. This offers dark, ripe flavors of wild berry, black plum and chocolate prior to a toasty finish that's largely subtle and smooth. Drink through 2021. —M.S.

Salentein Primus

Malbec 2012

91 Pts

Concentrated aromas of blackberry, licorice root and Graham cracker are lusty. This feels thick on its edges but somewhat sharp and tartaric in the middle. Flavors of molasses, raisin, cassis and blackberry are bolstered by sharp acidity, leaving a finish that hits fast then falls off. Drink through 2019.

Salentein Numina

Cabernet Franc 2013

91 Pts

A full bouquet includes aromas of licorice, tire rubber, dried cheese and ripe plum and berry fruits. Flush, pulpy and fruity in the mouth, this Cab Franc shows bold boysenberry, currant, plum, spice and tea flavors. On the finish, this is smooth, with good flow and moderate tannins. Drink through 2020. —M.S.

Salentein Numina

Gran Corte 2011

91 Pts

Blackberry, dark plum, ink, coffee and graphite aromas comprise a ripe, clean, Bordeaux-esque bouquet. This five-grape blend is grabby and tannic but just elegant enough. Flavors of prune, blackberry and chocolate cake precede a dark, toasty, oaky finish that's solid in feel. Drink through 2018.

Salentein Single Vineyard

Chardonnay 2012

90 Pts

Classy aromas of pear, stone fruits and resinous but controlled oak lead to a pure, moderately woody and balanced palate that delivers ripe apple, melon and peach flavors along with oak backing. Vanilla and walnut flavors grace a nicely textured, creamy yet lively finish.

Salentein Single Vineyard

Malbec 2011

90 Pts

Plum, blueberry and graphite aromas along with a mild horsey, grassy element define the nose on this single-vineyard Malbec that's jammy and a touch soft on the palate. Flavors of blackberry, prune and raisin are dull-edged, while the finish is baked and raisiny, with a slight hint of overripeness. Drink through 2016.

Salentein Barrel Selection

Malbec 2013

90 Pts

Earthy black-fruit and spice aromas are clean and welcoming, while this is potent and full of life on the palate. Black cherry, coffee and chocolate flavors are intense and finish with a notable amount of minty menthol character. Drink through 2019.

Salentein Barrel Selection

Malbec 2012

90 Pts

An opening of dense berry aromas along with coconut, cedar and tobacco announce an energetic palate of ripe blackberry and cassis flavors. There's framework and acidity on the finish as well as black licorice and toasty darkness to ponder. Drink through 2018.



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