

# Malpaso 2006



**Winery:** Canopy SL  
**Region:** Méntrida D.O.  
**Grapes:** 100% Syrah

**Winery:** The winery was formed in 2000 when three friends, each winemakers with different backgrounds came together to produce the best wine they could from Mentrida, near Toldedo. Their unique vineyards planted at high altitude and growing old vines of Garnacha and Syrah produce fruit that shows more freshness and minerality than other wines from the region. Currently production focuses on two wines, Tres Patas and Malpaso.

The philosophy of the winery is to guard and respect the ecosystem and to practice sustainable development. In the winery, they try to respect the fruit to the maximum, extracting all its potential, but in a respectful way, without falling into extreme behaviors. Their goals are not only wines with good body and sufficient tannin structure, but also that they are elegant. They use wood with much caution, so that it is a complement, nothing else. The true protagonist of their wines is the fruit that our grapes give to them.

**Wine:** Produced from 20 year old Syrah vines planted in a unique combination of soil; silica, with abundant mother rock, granite, present in the parcels, on a sandy and clay base. This type of soil is unique in Méntrida and with only some zones of Galicia having the same soil in Spain. The grapes are destemmed and fermented in stainless steel followed by 6 months aging in 500 liter barrels with the intent that larger oak will allow more of the intense fruit character to follow through into the finished wine.

## Reviews:

“The 2006 Malpaso is a worthy successor to the 2004 and 2005... Inky purple, it has a fragrant bouquet featuring wood smoke, toast, spice box, and blueberry. Fruit-forward and ripe on the palate, the wine has gobs of flavor, good balance, and a long, pure finish. Drink this user-friendly effort over the next 10-12 years.”

**90 points** *Wine Advocate* issue 175 February '08

“Full ruby-red. Spicy cherry and cassis on the nose, with subtle smoky mineral and floral qualities adding complexity. Supple, seemingly tannin-free red berry flavors offer good palate coverage and tangy back-end lift. Suave and approachable syrah, with good finishing freshness and cut. I marginally prefer the Tres Patas for its greater complexity today.”

**90 points** *International Wine Cellar* issue 140 Sept/Oct '08



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