

# MANOS NEGRAS

## Alejandro Sejanovich Proprietor, Manos Negras

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BORN AND RAISED in Mendoza, Sejanovich is seen by many as the most talented and thoughtful viticulturist in Argentina. His spent his childhood surrounded by vines, and from the age of 13, he already knew his vocation.

After bachelors and masters degrees in

vineyard management and winemaking, Sejanovich joined Catena Zapata in 1994 as vineyard manager. In 1997, he planted the highest-altitude vineyards in Mendoza – the Adrianna vineyard at 1,500m above sea-level – and spent the next 12 years managing this unique site. He also conducted the only Malbec clone selection research program in Mendoza.

In 2009, he planted his own 7ha vineyard in the heart of Altamira district in Mendoza. He left Catena Zapata last year and joined with Jeff Mausbach (a long-time colleague at Catena), and New Zealand winemakers Jason Mabbett and Duncan Killiner to develop the Manos Negras brand, working with local wineries. Thus far, the range covers a Torrontes in San Juan, a Malbec in Altamira and a Pinot Noir in Patagonia. His philosophy? ‘Nurturing the wines in a gentle, non-interventionist fashion to allow the fruit and wine to express the terroir.’

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