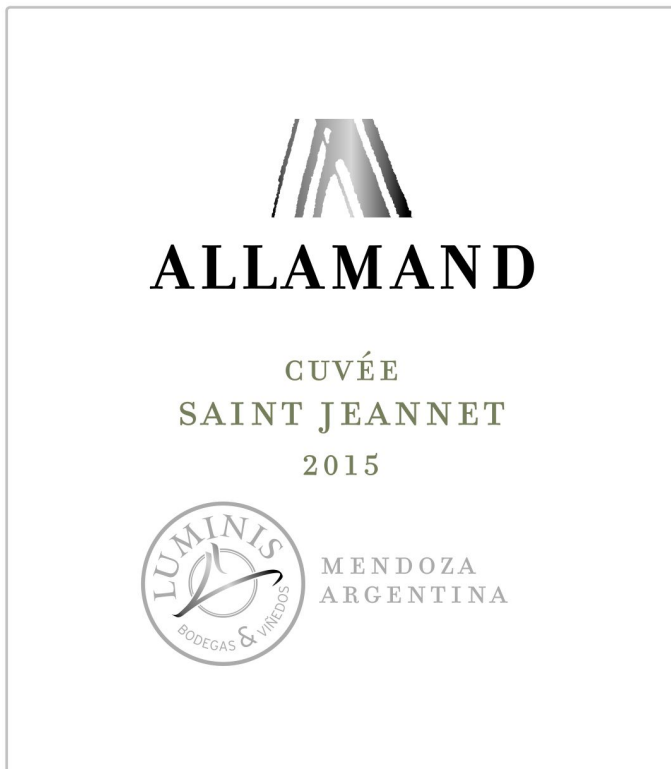


## Allamand Cuvee Saint Jeannet 2015

Luminis' Allamand Cuvee Saint Jeannet 2015 is a unique blend of 75% Saint Jeannet and 25% Chardonnay. This is a precious wine principally made of a unique and very rare white grape variety called Saint Jeannet that is also known as Gros Vert Blanc.

There is not much information about this strange grape variety but we do know that it was brought to Mendoza by Tiburcio Benegas towards the beginning of the previous century. As far as we know the grape variety is original from France (some people here in Mendoza say it originated in Grasse while



some others mention the Southern Rhone...) and that it was historically used as a table grape. Because of its natural and almost extreme high acidity, the grape lost its appeal as a table grape and therefore disappeared.

Cristian Allamand found the grape being part of the abandoned vineyard where our winery today is located (a very old plot of white grapes all mixed up in the same rows where you could find mainly Chardonnay and Saint Jeannet with some odd plants here and there of Ugni Blanc and Pedro Ximenez).

Cristian and his father Raymond Stanislas Allamand took cuttings of the old vines and propagated them on their "La Lucita" vineyard in the district of El Carrizal, part of the department of Lujan de Cuyo.

Planted in 2009, the 1.2 hectares of Saint Jeannet from the "La Lucita" vineyard (more in the making...) are the only source of this grape for our Allamand Cuvee Saint Jeannet 2015 and probably the only vineyard that produces a wine made of Saint Jeannet in Argentina.

The grapes were hand picked on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a total production of 750 cases. While being unique, the main characteristics behind this wine are its low alcohol level (11.50%) its great, fresh, and natural acidity (7.5 grams/liter), mineral and citric characteristics in the mouth with very distinctive aromas of white peach, pineapple, and white flowers.

As of February 2014 and after DNA testing of our plants using genetic values from "Plant Grape Project, Le catalogue des vignes cultivees en France" in collaboration with the local INTA governmental office and Jose Vouillamoz, geneticist that works with Jancis Robinson and Julia Harding (MW) in "Wine Grapes", we got a certification, with a 100% confidence, that our plants are the rare and unique grape variety Gros Vert Blanc, also known as Saint Jeannet.