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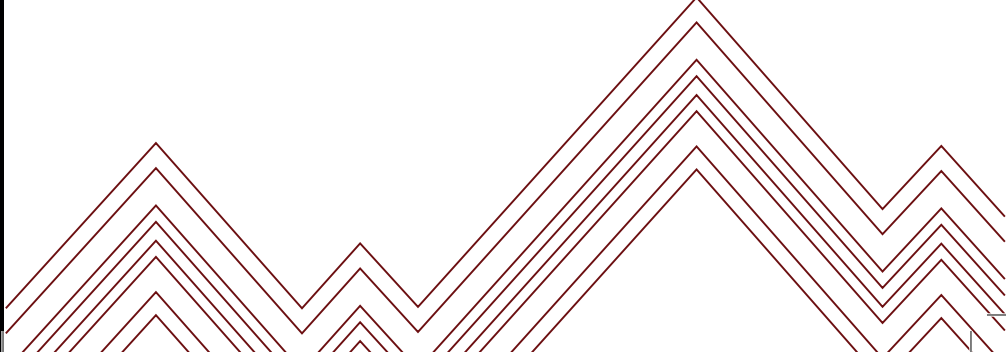
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ANOTHER GREAT WINES OF THE ANDES

Welcome to our fourth Great Wines of the Andes USA event. I am excited to show you some of the best wines of Chile and Argentina released this year and introduce you to their producers and owners. Some of the wines being poured at this event are the best ever from their respective producers. Three are rated 100 points.

We also have, for the first time, a wine from Uruguay — Bodega Garzón. Although not technically part of the Andes, the winery clearly shows that Uruguay adds to the interest and appeal of the wines from South America. American wine consumers certainly understand this as Argentina is the No. 3 imported wine country by volume in the United States in 2016 and Chile No. 4.

This spring I spent close to a month in Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. I tasted about 1,800 wines with my JamesSuckling.com team (Berenice Maulhardt and Raffaele Vecchione) — the fifth trip in three years and well worth the time and money spent. I continue to believe in the value of tasting the wines in context as well as spending time with winemakers and winery owners.

It's hard to generalize about the findings of our tasting this year other than affirming that there were so many outstanding wines from both Chile and Argentina. Chile seems to be fine-tuning its viticulture and winemaking to produce more place-driven and refined wines instead of market-driven bottles. This makes for more interesting and authentic wines regardless if they are white or red. Argentina on the other hand is breaking the mold of only being a malbec giant by producing more and more different reds such as cabernet franc and cabernet as well as great whites (chardonnay) from high altitudes.

See for yourself at the tasting. Be sure to ask lots of questions as you most likely will be talking to a winemaker or winery owner when you are served a wine. Enjoy!

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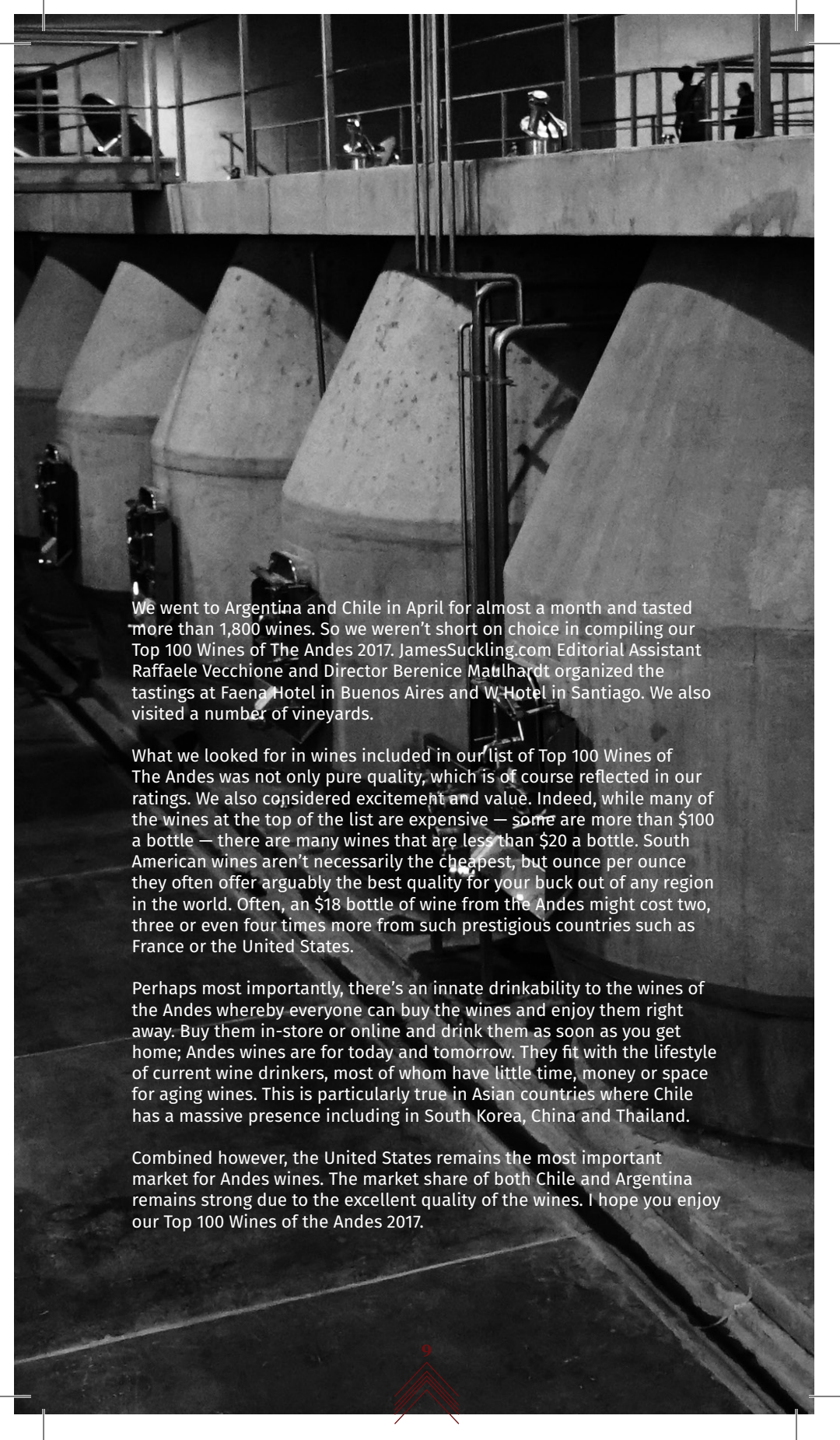
TOP 100 WINES OF THE ANDES

The fact that six out of ten wines in this year's Top 100 Wines of the Andes 2017 list are from Chile clearly tells everyone that the country is really on top of its winemaking game. We think Chilean wines have never been better thanks to a string of excellent vintages and a general improvement in viticulture and winemaking, which has finally arrived at every level of the market. That's also why we gave perfect scores to the first three wines. They are great wines by all standards and rank among the best wines of the world, even when compared against classical regions such as Bordeaux and Burgundy.

Our No. 1 Wine of the Andes is the 2015 red from the famous estate of Almaviva, a joint venture project with Bordeaux's great Château Mouton-Rothschild and Chile's respected Concha y Toro. The Bordeaux blend is made in some of the best-established vineyards in Puente Alto and by some of the most competent winemakers in the world including Mouton's own Philip Dhaullin. The Almaviva Puente Alto 2015 shows incredible energy and depth with ultra-fine tannins and focused bright fruit. It is a benchmark for the reds of the Andes, emphasizing harmony and precision instead of power and ripe fruit. It's a 100-point wine.

"Now is the time for Chile!" enthuses Eduardo Chadwick, the dynamic owner and winemaker of some of the best estates in Chile including the Seña Valle de Aconcagua 2015, No. 2 in the list and also scored 100 points by JamesSuckling.com this year. His own Viñedo Chadwick Cabernet Sauvignon Valle de Maipo 2015 comes in at No. 9.

However Argentina is no slouch. We put four wines in the Top 10, and three are not even malbecs. The greatness of such wines as cabernet and syrah as well as chardonnay underlines how Argentina is slowly moving away from being only considered the best malbec producer in the world to one of the best for everything. "We have so many great areas and terroirs that our potential is still endless," agrees Laura Catena, whose family is better considered a wine dynasty.



We went to Argentina and Chile in April for almost a month and tasted more than 1,800 wines. So we weren't short on choice in compiling our Top 100 Wines of The Andes 2017. JamesSuckling.com Editorial Assistant Raffaele Vecchione and Director Berenice Maulhardt organized the tastings at Faena Hotel in Buenos Aires and W Hotel in Santiago. We also visited a number of vineyards.

What we looked for in wines included in our list of Top 100 Wines of The Andes was not only pure quality, which is of course reflected in our ratings. We also considered excitement and value. Indeed, while many of the wines at the top of the list are expensive — some are more than \$100 a bottle — there are many wines that are less than \$20 a bottle. South American wines aren't necessarily the cheapest, but ounce per ounce they often offer arguably the best quality for your buck out of any region in the world. Often, an \$18 bottle of wine from the Andes might cost two, three or even four times more from such prestigious countries such as France or the United States.

Perhaps most importantly, there's an innate drinkability to the wines of the Andes whereby everyone can buy the wines and enjoy them right away. Buy them in-store or online and drink them as soon as you get home; Andes wines are for today and tomorrow. They fit with the lifestyle of current wine drinkers, most of whom have little time, money or space for aging wines. This is particularly true in Asian countries where Chile has a massive presence including in South Korea, China and Thailand.

Combined however, the United States remains the most important market for Andes wines. The market share of both Chile and Argentina remains strong due to the excellent quality of the wines. I hope you enjoy our Top 100 Wines of the Andes 2017.



**THE
Top 100
ANDES
OF 2017**

**JAMES SUCKLING TASTED
ABOUT 1,800 WINES FROM THE
REGION. HERE ARE HIS TOP
PICKS.**

1. ALMAVIVA PUENTE ALTO 2015 **100 Pts.**

A glorious and complex nose of tobacco, blackberries and hints of stones and flowers. Hints of bitter chocolate. Full-bodied, very tight and compacted. Linear backbone gives this form and tension. It has the same character on the palate as well as cayenne and other spice. Loved the 2014 but this shows more fine-grained tannins. So balanced and harmonious. A blend of 69% cabernet sauvignon, 24% carmenere, 5% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot. Needs four or five years in bottle but a joy to taste now.

2. SEÑA VALLE DE ACONCAGUA 2015 **100 Pts.**

Stunning aromas of blackcurrant, stone, blueberry and licorice. Also iodine. Floral. Perfumed. Full body, fantastic density of fruit and ripe tannins. It goes on for minutes on the palate with such energy and focus. Touch of chewiness on the finish. A complex and complete wine that delivers a generosity with firmness. Drink in 2021 but already a classic to drink.

3. CLOS APALTA VALLE DE COLCHAGUA 2014 **100 Pts.**

An extremely aromatic and focused Clos Apalta with blackberry, blueberry, floral and hot stone character. Full body, very linear and ultra-fine tannins. Focused and tight. Precise and long. This is the most polished and beautiful definition of this wine ever. You want to drink it now but better in 2020. A blend of carmenere, cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

4. CATENA ZAPATA CHARDONNAY MENDOZA ADRIANNA VINEYARD WHITE STONES 2014 **99 Pts.**

This is a fabulous white proving that Argentina can compete with the greatest whites of the world. Complex aromas of stones, lime, lemon, flan, meringue, and flowers. Hints of pie crust. Full body, with mineral, stone and electric acidity. Joyous. Drink now or hold. Made from organically grown grapes.

5. EL ENEMIGO CABERNET FRANC GUALTALLARY GRAN ENEMIGO SINGLE VINEYARD 2013 **99 Pts.**

This is a fabulous wine with blackberry, dark mushroom, blueberry and white pepper character. Full body, fine tannins and fantastic depth and length. Goes on for minutes. A magnificent red. Beautiful encore to the superb 2012. Drink or hold.

6. VIÑA COBOS MALBEC MENDOZA COBOS CHAÑARES VINEYARD 2014 **99 Pts.**

A debut wine from the esteemed winemaker Paul Hobbs, whose family owns the vineyard. Aromas of dark fruit, wet earth, mushroom and stone follow through to full body, chewy tannins and an intense finish. This is a fantastic entry to the world of malbec. Organically farmed. This needs four or five years to soften. Watch this.



7. TRAPICHE MENDOZA ISCAH SYRAH VIOGNIER 2014 98 Pts.

This is the best syrah in Argentina by leaps and bounds. Really phenomenal aromas of berries, tobacco, dried herbs, meat and flowers. Full-bodied yet tight and polished with incredible refinement and length. This is one everyone should try to get. A blend of syrah and viognier. Wow. Drink now.

8. CONCHA Y TORO CABERNET SAUVIGNON PUENTE ALTO DON MELCHOR 2014 98 Pts.

Wonderful aromas of stones, mint and blackcurrants. Sweet tobacco. Tile and rust. So aromatic. This is the best Don Melchor I have ever tasted. Full body, very soft yet firm and silky. It has tension, intensity and balance. Drink or hold.

9. VIÑEDO CHADWICK CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO 2015 99 Pts.

Very deep and primary fruit character to this red gives the wine amazing length and focus. It seems to go on forever. Full body yet vivid and energetic. Tannic and muscular yet so polished and refined. Drink now. But one for the cellar as well.

10. MONTES CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE COLCHAGUA PURPLE ANGEL 2014 98 Pts.

This has a perfect nose of blackberry, tar, black pepper, thyme, cloves and rose petal. Full body and firm and very silky and polished tannins. The finish goes on for minutes. Best ever. Great class. 92% carmenere and 8% petit verdot. Drink in 2019 but so gorgeous now.

11. TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES MALBEC LAS COMPUERTAS LUJÁN DE CUYO SINGLE PARCEL LOS CEREZOS 2013 98 Pts.

A wine with crazy aromas of dried meat, spices, stones, leather and flowers. Full-bodied, yet polished and intense. It shows such focus and precision. It goes on for minutes. Defines great malbec. Hard not to drink now. Made for aging. Try in 2021.

12. ERRÁZURIZ PINOT NOIR ACONCAGUA COSTA LAS PIZARRAS 2016 99 Pts.

The mineral, stone, slate and violet aromas are superb. Full body, dense and silky texture. So much beautiful fruit yet it's so reserved and refined. Layered and complete. Fantastic acidity at the finish. Iron, iodine and oyster. Long finish. Superb follow up to the 2015. Drink or hold.

13. RITUAL CHARDONNAY VALLE DE CASABLANCA SUPERTUGA BLOCK 2016 97 Pts.

This is a phenomenal chardonnay with light bread dough, cooked apple and pear aromas. Full-bodied, seamless white with white earth and subtle ripe apple and pineapple. Fantastic length and beauty. 500 cases made. Screw cap. Drink now.



14. KAIKEN MALBEC MENDOZA MAI 2013 97 Pts.

This is a powerful and rich red with great depth and character. Love the texture. Full-bodied, chewy and layered. Muscular. Structured. This is 125-year-old vineyard! Exceptional. Fresh and energetic. Better in 2019.

15. SUSANA BALBO WINES VALLE DE UCO NOSOTROS 2012 97 Pts.

Lots of hot stone, dried violets, blackberry and blueberry aromas follow through to a full body, chewy palate. Structured and intense with so much going on. Very, very flavorful. Focused and energetic. Beautiful follow up to the great 2011. Drink or hold.

16. BODEGA CHACRA PINOT NOIR PATAGONIA SIN AZUFRE 2016 97 Pts.

This is very dense and beautiful with flowers, dried lemons and strawberries. A bouquet of roses. Full to medium body, superfine tannins and a linear and focused finish. Precision in a no sulfur wine. Tight and layered. Only 3,000 bottles made. Drink now.

17. PULENTA GRAN MALBEC MENDOZA X 2013 97 Pts.

What a fantastic nose to this polished and intense wine. Wet earth, blackberries, licorice and walnut shell on the nose. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a fabulous finish. This is one of the best top class malbecs. So wonderful to drink now but better in 2019.

18. BODEGA PIEDRA NEGRA MENDOZA VALLE DE UCO CHACAYES 2014 97 Pts.

Love the aromas of this wine with black licorice, blackberries and dark stones. Rosemary. Full-bodied, layered and beautiful. It goes on for minutes. Great wine. Half malbec and cot. Better in 2020 but a joy to taste.

19. MATIAS RICCITELLI MENDOZA RICCITELLI & FATHER MALBEC CABERNET FRANC 2014 97 Pts.

Aromas of walnuts, black tea and berry character. Perfumed. Full-bodied, tannic and chewy. Lots of berries. Flavorful finish. So much going on here. Try in 2020. But already great.

20. MONTES VALLE DE COLCHAGUA ALPHA M 2014 98 Pts.

The greatest M ever made. It continues the legend of the great 2014 vintage. Full-bodied, compacted and powerful. Tight and chewy. It starts slowly and then builds. Superb. Drink in 2022 but already a joy to taste.



21. ERRÁZURIZ CHARDONNAY ACONCAGUA COSTA LAS PIZARRAS 2016 98 Pts.

So perfumed with honey, melon, lilac flower and cooked apple aromas. Just a hint of cream. Full body yet linear and racy with a bright and intense acidity. Very energetic and powerful. Dense and layered. It rolls off the palate and grabs your attention. Best white of Chile this year for the second year in a row. Electric. Drink now or hold.

22. CATENA ZAPATA MALBEC MENDOZA ADRIANNA VINEYARD FORTUNA TERRAE 2014 98 Pts.

This is another phenomenal Fortuna Terrae that just rolls across the palate with amazingly complex and beautiful fruit. Full body yet tight and refined. Berry, light meat, mushroom and truffle character. Made from organically grown grapes. Love now.

23. TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES MALBEC VALLE DE UCO SINGLE PARCEL LOS CASTAÑOS 2013 97 Pts.

Unique aromas of bark, dried flowers, dark fruits and hints of chestnuts. Full body, fantastic density and great length and intensity. From old vines planted in 1945. No rootstock. Solid, benchmark malbec. Drink in 2020.

24. TRAPICHE MALBEC CABERNET FRANC MENDOZA ISCAY 2012 97 Pts.

A wine with beauty and elegance with power. Rose petal, currant, berry and sandalwood character. Full body yet so refined and beautiful. Such a polished texture. Goes on for minutes. A fantastic red to follow the excellent 2011.

25. VIÑA COBOS MALBEC MENDOZA COBOS MARCHIORI VINEYARD 2014 97 Pts.

Exciting complexity of fruit, spice, flower and stone on the nose follows through to a full body, tight yet powerful palate with a fabulous center palate of fruit. Essence of malbec. Love it now but better in 2021.

26. EL ENEMIGO CABERNET FRANC MENDOZA GRAN ENEMIGO CHACAYES SINGLE VINEYARD 2013 96 Pts.

This is crazy and deep with such an incredible depth of fruit and character. Full body, layered and dense. Yet energetic and vibrant. Focused and precise. Love. Drink in 2020.

27. ABREMUNDOS MENDOZA OCTAVA ALTA BLEND 2014 96 Pts.

A rich and juicy wine with chocolate and berry character. Full body, soft and velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Gorgeous and sexy. A blend of malbec and cabernet franc. Drink now or hold.



28. CATENA ZAPATA MALBEC MENDOZA ADRIANNA VINEYARD MUNDUS BACILLUS TERRAE 2014 97 Pts.

Very aromatic and vivid. Cherry and plum. Hints mushroom and tea. Full body, tight and beautiful. Focused and sexy. Layered and dense. A fantastic red. Made from organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

29. ALTA VISTA MENDOZA ALTO SIN SO2 2014 96 Pts.

This is a denser and richer Alto when it's without sulfur. Full-bodied, layered and delicious. Not heavy; just pure fruit. Hints of coffee and almonds with the dark fruit. Love the finish. 1,000 bottles made. Get it. Drink now.

30. ARISTOS CHARDONNAY VALLE DE CACHAPOAL DUQUESA D'A 2012 96 Pts.

A powerful and rich wine with layers of fruit. Some phenolic tension too. Full body. A fabulous wine with incredible depth and length. Great wine! Decant before serving. Drink now or hold.

31. BODEGA PIEDRA NEGRA VALLE DE UCO GRAN LURTON 2016 96 Pts.

This is one of the best whites of Argentina with a dense and phenolic texture. Loads of fruit. Peaches, sliced apples and lemons. Fantastic. Tokai friulano, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and viognier. Organically grown. Drink now.

32. GANDOLINI CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO LAS 3 MARIAS VINEYARDS 2011 96 Pts.

This is a fantastic red with blackberry, currant and fresh roses. Full body, silky tannins and a glorious finish. Goes for minutes. Opening now. Drink in 2020.

33. GARCÍA SCHWADERER GRENACHE VALLE DE ITATA PIEDRA LISA VINEYARD 2015 96 Pts.

A linear and fine red with lovely fruit that has cherry, raspberry and floral character. Chewy tannins and wild finish. Builds on the palate. Love this always. From grafted, 120-year-old vines. Always enjoy this wine.

34. ACHAVAL FERRER MALBEC MENDOZA FINCA ALTAMIRA 2014 96 Pts.

The dried-meat and ripe-fruit character is very intense on the nose with hints of berries, tobacco and wet leaf. Full-bodied, dense and rich with wonderful energized fruit. Layered. Long and zesty finish. Better in 2020.



35. HACIENDA ARAUCANO CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE COLCHAGUA ALKA 2015 96 Pts.

Blackberry and dark chocolate with hints of spice. Dried meat. Full body, juicy and layered. Wild wine. So much going on here. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now or hold.

36. LAURA HARTWIG VALLE DE COLCHAGUA LAURA 2014 96 Pts.

Complex aromas of violets, currants, roses and sandalwood. Nutmeg too. Full body, firm and silky tannins and a long and persistent finish. Drink in 2019.

37. MATERVINI MALBEC LAS HERAS EL CHALLAO PIEDRAS VIEJAS 2015 96 Pts.

Aromas of red licorice, rose petals and lemon rind. Violets, too. Sandalwood. Full-bodied, tight and stony. Vivid and fruity. Very intense and focused. A beauty. Only 600 bottles. Drink or hold.

38. PASCUAL TOSO MENDOZA MAGDALENA TOSO LIMITED 22 BARRELS 2014 96 Pts.

Fantastic aromas of blackberries, blueberries, flowers and stones. Hints of dried fruit. Full-bodied, very tight and precise. Wonderfully silky and powerful. Such structure and length. A blend of 80% malbec and 20% cabernet sauvignon. Needs two or three years to come together.

39. NEYEN DE APALTA MALBEC VALLE DE COLCHAGUA ESPÍRITU DE APALTA LIMITED EDITION 2015 96 Pts.

This is a top class malbec with superfine tannins and cherry and light chocolate character. Full body. Round tannins. Fantastic finish. One of the best malbecs of Chile. 800 bottles made. Better in 2019.

40. POLKURA SYRAH VALLE DE COLCHAGUA SECANO (DRY FARMED) 2015 96 Pts.

The aromas are so amazing with dried peaches and tangerines. Dark blue fruits too. Full body, dense and deep palate with lightly chewy tannins and a fresh finish. Superb finish. A vivid and beautiful red. 150 cases made. Drink now.

41. TRES14 MALBEC MENDOZA IMPERFECTO 2014 96 Pts.

This is a wine that challenges you with beautiful ripe fruit and intense acidity that draws you in and takes you for a beautiful ride. Full to medium body, yet dense and very long. A benchmark malbec in this vintage. Drink or hold.



42. VIK VALLE DE COLCHAGUA VIK 2013 96 Pts.

Aromas of flowers, currants, fresh mint and Thai basil. Full body, structured and muscular with a toned texture. Bright and dynamic on the finish. Tangy finish under the fruit and wet earth highlights. Mostly cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, syrah, carmenere and merlot. This needs at least three to four years to come around.

43. RITUAL PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA MONSTER BLOCK 2016 96 Pts.

This has beautiful richness and tension with incredible fruit tones and firm tannins. Full body, round and layered with fantastic length and verve. One of my go-to pinots. Drink now.

44. CHACRA PINOT NOIR PATAGONIA BARDA 2016 95 Pts.

A fantastic Barda with dried strawberries, orange peel and tangerines. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a long and flavorful finish. 60% fermented and aged in cement tanks. Tight and beautiful. Drink or hold.

45. CATENA ZAPATA CHARDONNAY MENDOZA ADRIANNA VINEYARD WHITE BONES 2014 96 Pts.

Aromas of stone, chalk and cooked apple follow through to a full body, with so much sea salt, dried apple and pear character. Extremely long finish. Drink now or hold. Made from organically grown grapes.

46. CATENA ZAPATA MALBEC MENDOZA ADRIANNA VINEYARD FORTUNA TERRAE 2013 96 Pts.

Blackberry and blueberry aromas with hints of spice and bark. Perfumed. Full body, layered, chewy and polished. Deep and beautiful with so much dark fruit and intensity. Stone and chalk at the finish. Powerful. Drink in 2020 and onwards. Made from organically grown grapes.

47. ALTA VISTA MENDOZA ALTO CON SO2 2014 95 Pts.

Aromas of blackberries, pure chocolate and wet earth. Bark, too. Full-bodied, chewy yet polished tannins and a savory finish. Lots happening here. Juicy and delicious. Malbec and cabernet sauvignon. Sulfur only added just before bottling. Drink now.

48. BODEGAS CARO MENDOZA 2014 95 Pts.

Aromas of spices, smoke, berries and bark follow through to a medium body, medium round tannins and a wonderful finish. Love the finish of this, which gives a hint of walnuts, dark tea and ripe fruit. Very sophisticated. A blend of malbec and cabernet sauvignon. Better in 2019.



49. CHEVAL DES ANDES MENDOZA 2014 95 Pts.

A rich and round-textured red with gentle tannins and a flavorful finish. Full-bodied, round and succulent. This is 84% malbec and the rest is cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot. Drink now.

50. CLOS DES FOUS PINOT NOIR ACONCAGUA COSTA PUCALÁN ARENARIA 2014 95 Pts.

Lovely sweet fruit and bright tea and lemon rind follow through to a medium body, fine tannins and a clean finish. Really pretty, balanced red. Drink now.

51. CUVELIER LOS ANDES VALLE DE UCO GRAND VIN 2013 95 Pts.

Really exciting and vivid wine with blackberry, licorice, chocolate and walnut aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, layered and intense. Solid. Structured. A blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, petit verdot and merlot. Try in 2020.

52. EL ENEMIGO BONARDA MENDOZA SINGLE VINEYARD LA ESPERANZA 2014 95 Pts.

This is really crazy. Drink this and understand what a great Bonarda is. Full body, so long and beautiful. Mineral, spice, bark, and dark tea character. What a wine. Get it. Energetic. Drink now.

53. ESCORIHUELA GASCON MALBEC VALLE DE UCO DON MIGUEL 2014 95 Pts.

This is a wine with clarity and definition. So aromatic and beautiful with blackberries, violets and strawberries. Hints of walnuts and mushrooms. Full body and a lovely refined and compacted texture. A combination of bright acidity and beautiful fruit. Love the precision. What a wine. Drink or hold.

54. GARAGE WINE & CO CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAULE RENACIDO VINEYARD LOT 64 2015 95 Pts.

This is one of Garage's best wines ever. It is full bodied, structured and chewy in terms of the tannins. Muscular and toned. Pretty tension at the end. Only about 5,000 bottles made. From head-pruned vines. Drink in 2019.

55. LABERINTO SAUVIGNON BLANC VALLE DE MAULE 2016 95 Pts.

This is a unique sauvignon with volcanic ash and white peach character. Full and vivid on the palate with mineral undertone. What a wine. Turns Sancerre-like with a grapefruit undertone. Screw cap. Drink now.



56. LAPOSTOLLE SYRAH VALLE DE COLCHAGUA VIÑEDO APALTA CUVÉE ALEXANDRE 2014 95 Pts.

Dark and brooding wine with blackberry and licorice character. Violets and black pepper. Full body, velvety and chewy tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Why wait? From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.

57. MATETIC SYRAH VALLE DE SAN ANTONIO CORRALILLO 2015 95 Pts.

Aromas of blackberry, blueberry, slate and stone. Full body and lovely fine tannins. Long finish. Fantastic. Drink now.

58. BODEGA CHACRA PINOT NOIR PATAGONIA CINCUENTA Y CINCO 2016 96 Pts.

Floral and offering up dark berries and dried strawberries. Hints of dried lemon skin. Full-bodied, very powerful and deep in terms of fruit. Chewy tannins yet they're so polished. Goes on for minutes. Best ever. Drink or hold.

59. EL ENEMIGO CABERNET FRANC EL CEPILLO MENDOZA GRAN ENEMIGO SINGLE VINEYARD 2013 96 Pts.

This is very spicy and subtle with a wonderful intensity and focus. Full body, tight and silky with beautiful fruit and length. Complex and fine. Drink now.

60. ERRÁZURIZ VALLE DE ACONCAGUA DON MAXIMIANO FOUNDER'S RESERVE 2015 96 Pts.

Very refined and pretty with tight polished tannins and a linear and fruity mouthfeel. Medium body, precise and focused. It shows the essence of cab character. Feminine style. Drink now.

61. GARCÍA SCHWADERER PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA SOFIA 2014 96 Pts.

Very aromatic and perfumed with hints of rose petal, cherry and hints of sandalwood. Full body, vibrant and intense with just a hint of austerity on the finish. About one-fourth whole berry fermentation. No new wood. Really fantastic. Drink now.

62. NEYEN DE APALTA VALLE DE COLCHAGUA ESPÍRITU DE APALTA 2014 96 Pts.

Lots of old vine character with bark, mushroom, dried herb and dark berry character. Full body. Layered and flavorful. A serious and thoughtful wine. Half carmenere and half cab. Drink now.



63. VIÑA COBOS MALBEC LUJÁN DE CUYO BRAMARE TOUZA VINEYARD 2014 96 Pts.

Aromas of blackberry, blueberry, violet and walnut shell. Full body, velvety tannins that are polished and tight. Very polished. Persistent finish. Needs another year or two to get it all together.

64. MONTES SYRAH APALTA FOLLY 2013 95 Pts.

Aromas of blueberry and stone with hints of fresh tea. Full body, dense and layered with soft and velvety tannin texture. It goes on for minutes. Cooler and more blue fruits than some vintages due to the cooler vintage. Drink or hold.

65. MONTEVIEJO VALLE DE UCO LINDAFLOR 2012 95 Pts.

Fabulous depth of fruit and intensity to this red. Full-bodied, chewy and rich with blackberry and dark-chocolate character. Long and rich. A blend of malbec and syrah. Needs a year or two to soften but already top class.

66. PASCUAL TOSO MENDOZA FINCA PEDREGAL SINGLE VINEYARDS 2015 95 Pts.

A very dense and powerful red with lots of berry and currant character. Full-bodied, silky and intense. Stone, dark-berry and spice character. This is a blend of mostly cabernet with some malbec. Needs another two or three years in bottle.

67. RICCITELLI WINES MALBEC MENDOZA VINEYARD SELECTION 2014 95 Pts.

Lots of stone and dark-walnut aromas here. Blackberries. Full body; this is very much a malbec in character. All old vines. Bark character and black tea. From the areas of Vistalba, Perdriel and La Consulta. Drink or hold.

68. POLKURA SYRAH VALLE DE COLCHAGUA BLOCK G+I 2014 95 Pts.

This is a fantastic red with depth and focus. Full body and rich yet balanced and beautiful. So long and beautiful. Chewy. So exciting. Drink or hold.

69. SAN PEDRO SYRAH VALLE DEL ELQUI 1865 LIMITED EDITION 2014 95 Pts.

A very classic syrah with a Hermitage clarity and firmness. Full-bodied, yet linear and focused. Long and beautiful. I always love this wine. Drink now.



70. TAPI MENDOZA LAS NOTAS DE JEAN CLAUDE 2012 95 Pts.

This is really exciting new wine. Love the intensity and richness with lovely ripe fruit and lightly toasted oak character. Black olive and berry. Full body, firm and silky finish. 91% merlot with petit verdot, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon. Better in 2019.

71. EL ENEMIGO CHARDONNAY MENDOZA 2015 95 Pts.

This is dense and flavorful with lots of sliced apple, almond and flower character. Hints of kiwi too. Full body, dry and exceptionally long finish. Oily but dry. Wild. Drink now.

72. TEHO MALBEC LA CONSULTA VALLE DE UCO TOMAL VINEYARD 2015 95 Pts.

This is a really powerful wine with stone, cocoa powder and slate. Dark berries. Full body and an intense finish. Field blend. Fantastic wine. From 75-year-old vines. Drink now.

73. VIÑA MAIPO BUIN VALLE DE MAIPO ALTO TAJAMAR 2014 95 Pts.

This is really structured and dense. A blend of syrah and cabernet sauvignon. Full body, layered and powerful with loads of blackberry, licorice and dried meat. Solid as a rock. Lovely now but even better in 2018.

74. VIÑEDOS DE ALCOHUAZ VALLE DEL ELQUI RHU DE ALCOHUAZ MEZCLA TINTA 2012 95 Pts.

Aromas of smoked meat and dark berry. Mushroom. Wet earth. Full body, round and chewy tannins. Very decadent and rich wine with lots of intense fruit. A blend of syrah, garnacha and petite sirah.

75. VILLARD PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA GRAND VIN 2015 95 Pts.

The aromas of dried strawberry, cherry and hints of flowers are so attractive on this. Full body, firm and silky with gorgeous fruit and tannins. Linear and polished. Shows a wonderful length and finish. Drink now or hold.

76. 1853 OLD VINE ESTATE MALBEC VALLE DE UCO SELECTED PARCEL 2014 94 Pts.

Precise and bright aromas of dark fruit, fresh mushrooms and hints of walnut shell. Full body, super fine tannins and a gorgeous fruit finish. Very long and focused. Drink in 2020, but already exciting to taste.



77. ALCHEMY SYRAH VALLE DE CACHAPOAL 2015 94 PTS.

This is really beautiful with blackberry, blueberry, dried meat and hints of black pepper. Ripe fruit too. Full and round tannins. Juicy finish. Drink now.

78. ARBOLEDA SYRAH VALLE DE ACONCAGUA 2015 94 PTS.

This is a solid syrah with blackberry and hints of spice and cream. Full body, layered and beautiful finish. Dark berry and meat undertones. Rich finish. Drink now.

79. BLANCHARD & LURTON VISTA FLORES VALLE DE UCO GRAND VIN 2016 94 PTS.

This may be the coolest white from Argentina with sliced pears, apples, lemons and minerals. Medium to full body, ultra-fine tannins and a clean and intense finish. Drink now. All used wood. Lovely follow up to the superb 2015, which was the first year. 34% tokay, 28% sauvignon blanc, 23% viognier, 6% chardonnay and 9% pinot gris.

80. BODEGA CUARTO DOMINIO MALBEC MENDOZA TRADICIÓN DE FAMILIA 2015 94 PTS.

This is very tight and structured. Full-bodied, layered and juicy with beautiful fruit and intensity. Dark berries and walnuts. Hints of stones and wet earth. Only 10 barrels made and always from top site near the town of La Consulta. Malbec with a hint of petit verdot and cabernet franc. Drink or hold.

81. BODEGA DIAMANDES CHARDONNAY VALLE DE UCO GRANDE RESERVE 2016 94 PTS.

Sliced-apple, lemon and mineral aromas follow through to a medium body, tangy fruit and a toasted-oak, vanilla and cooked-apple aftertaste. Drink now.

82. BODEGA NOEMIA PATAGONIA J. ALBERTO 2016 94 PTS.

Focused and bright with vivid blackberry and floral aromas that follow through to a full body, chewy tannins and an energetic, focused finish. Needs two to three years to soften.

83. BODEGA POESIA MENDOZA 2013 94 PTS.

Blackberries, blueberries and wet earth. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a complete finish. Excellent all the way. Drink now.



**84. CALITERRA MALBEC VALLE DE COLCHAGUA PÉTREO LIMITED
RELEASE 2015** **94 PTS.**

This is mind-binding malbec that verges on the brilliance of a great pinot. The wine shows so much earth character with dusty, stone character and a wonderful clarity and precision. Blackberry, violet and tar undertones. A special malbec! Made mostly in amphora. Drink now.

**85. EL ESTECO TORRONTES VALLES CALCHAQUÍES CAYAFATE SALVAJE
OLD VINES 1945 2016** **94 PTS.**

This is an fantastic torrontes. So dense and fresh. Full body, and rich wine with a long and flavorful finish. Vines were planted in 1945. Only 4,000 bottles made. Find it. Drink or hold.

86. ERASMO CABERNET FRANC VALLE DE MAULE 2013 **94 PTS.**

This is really focused and pretty with plum and hints of flowers and bright berry on the palate. Medium to full body and round tannins. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.

87. ESTANCIA LOS CARDONES MALBEC SALTA TIGERSTONE 2015 **94 PTS.**

Bright, blue fruits with stones and hints of earth on the nose. Full-bodied, very tight and focused, showing a deep fruit and spice character. The fruit is dense and long. Needs a year or two to open but already solid. This is starting to redefine Salta reds. Drink now.

**88. GANDOLINI CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO
LAS 3 MARÍAS VINEYARDS 2013** **94 PTS.**

Pretty aromas of sweet tobacco and currant character. Full body, layered and juicy with delicious, decadent fruit and a flavorful finish. Touch of petit verdot and cabernet franc. Drink now.

89. FAMILIA FURLOTTI MALBEC MENDOZA 2014 **94 PTS.**

Refined and very beautiful with blackberries, dark chocolate, spices and hints of nutmeg. Full body, soft and velvety tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Real malbec. Drink or hold.

**90. KINGSTON FAMILY VINEYARDS SYRAH VALLE DE CASABLANCA
BAYO OSCURO 2015** **94 PTS.**

Blackberry and blueberry with rose petal and dark herb aromas. Full-bodied, dense and fruity. Long and intense finish. Drink or hold.



91. LA CELIA MALBEC MENDOZA HERITAGE SINGLE VINEYARD 2013 **94 PTS.**

Love the aromas of dried flowers, dark berry and hints of chocolate. Stones too. Full body yet all in balance and beauty. Such a pretty texture to this. Drink or hold.

92. LOS VASCOS VALLE DE COLCHAGUA LE DIX DE LOS VASCOS 2014 **94 PTS.**

Precision and focus to this young red with blueberry, hints of dark chocolate and cigar box. Full body, silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Linear, polished and refined. Best Dix ever? Drink in 2019.

93. MANOS NEGRAS MALBEC PARAJE ALTAMIRA ARTESANO 2014 **94 PTS.**

This is really deep and structured with a salty, white-pepper and dark fruit character. Hints of rose petals. Full-bodied and silky yet chewy tannins. Flavorful finish. This is a red from co-fermented cabernet franc and malbec. Drink now.

94. MASI TUPUNGATO TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO CORBEC 2012 **94 PTS.**

Licorice, stone and berry character on the nose follows through to a full body and round and savory fruit. Firm and polished undertone. Fantastic. A blend of corvina and malbec. Masi is getting right now! Drink or hold.

95. MAYCAS DEL LIMARÍ CHARDONNAY VALLE DE LIMARÍ QUEBRADA SECA 2016 **94 PTS.**

This has wonderful aromas of sliced peaches, dried lemons and mango. Full body, lovely fruit and a long and flavorful finish. Hints of walnuts and almonds. Salty undertones. One of the best values in top quality chardonnay. Drink now.

96. SANTA EMA SYRAH VALLE DE LEYDA RESERVA 2015 **94 PTS.**

Blackberry, black walnut, stone and black tea aromas. Full body, very ripe and rich with loads of fruit. Long and flavorful. A beauty. Dark and delicious. Drink now.

97. TINTO NEGRO MALBEC MENDOZA FINCA LA ESCUELA LA GRAVA 2014 **94 PTS.**

This has more iron or metal shaving character on the nose and palate with dark fruits than many reds. Medium to full body, fine and silky and a vivid finish. Tiny production. Drink now.



98. TRIVENTO MALBEC LUJÁN DE CUYO GOLDEN RESERVE 2015 94 PTS.

This is focused and very linear with bright dark berries and walnut shells as well as stone aromas that follow through to a full body and a tight and juicy finish. Drink now.

99. VENTOLERA VALLE DE LEYDA CERRO ALEGRE 2016 94 PTS.

Dried mango and sliced lemon character with cooked apple. Full body, layered and minerally with quartz undertones. Salty too. A focus to this special sauvignon. Drink now.

100. ZUCCARDI MALBEC VALLE DE UCO Q 2015 94 PTS.

Wow. This is exciting. Blackberries, flowers, dark fruit and hints of walnut shell here follow through to a medium to full body, fine tannins and a juicy finish. This is tight and polished. Give it two or three years to soften, but it is already very pretty. Better than 2014.





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Argentina's WINE REGIONS



ABREMUNDOS

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ABRE[∞]MUNDOS

Marcelo Pelleriti is the winemaker behind Abremundos, which literally translates to “world opening” and is a joint project made with Argentine musician and songwriter Pedro Aznar. He is also the winemaker of Monteviejo and his own brand bearing his name. The wines are energetic but you can feel the craftsmanship of a great winemaker in the sense of both balance and purity that the wines deliver. Both of these wines are blended with the musicians looking to reflect their tastes and passion for wine.

ABREMUNDOS MALBEC VALLE DE UCO 8 VB OCTAVA BASSA 2014

Aromas of blackberries, burnt orange peel and hints of chocolate. Full body, chewy tannins and a savory finish. There is a bigger, warmer profile to this. Drink now.

94 Pts.**ABREMUNDOS MENDOZA OCTAVA ALTA BLEND 2014**

A rich and juicy wine with chocolate and berry character. Full body, soft and velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Gorgeous and sexy. A blend of malbec and cabernet franc. Drink now or hold.

96 Pts.

ACHAVAL FERRER

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ACHAVAL FERRER

It's hard to believe that this winery was only founded in 1998, and it is already one of the country's finest. A large part of the success has to be attributed to three small, densely planted, exceptional parcels of malbec in Mendoza: Finca Altamira, Finca Mirador and Finca Bella Vista, which have recently produced its best wines. Although all of them are bottled as single vineyards in very small quantities, even the readily available entry-level malbec — a combination of grapes from the three vineyards — is a testament to the company's mission of letting the varietal and terroir speak for themselves. All the sites are found along the Andes at daunting elevations and no filtration or fining is undertaken during the winemaking process.

**ACHAVAL FERRER MALBEC MENDOZA
FINCA BELLA VISTA 2013**

This is a precise and sassy wine with blueberry and hints of hazelnut plus lots of citrus character. Full and tight with a long and persistent finish. Better in 2016 but so good now.

95 Pts.

**ACHAVAL FERRER MENDOZA QUIMERA
2013**

A very soft and floral character here with medium to full body, bright fine tannins and a fresh and silky finish. Lovely now. Tangy and lively. A blend of mostly malbec, cabernet franc merlot, and sauvignon. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.



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ALAMOS®

THE WINES OF CATENA

Taking its name from the popular trees that line many vineyard in Mendoza, Alamos was founded in 1993 as a secondary project of the prestigious Catena Zapata group, run by the Catena family, one of the finest producers of malbec in the world. The wines of Alamos come from Valle de Uco, one of Mendoza's premier terroirs, but this is a producer that also boasts blends made with grapes farmed in other areas, from malbec originating in the traditional Luján de Cuyo appellation to torrontés planted in Cafayate, Argentina's most northern appellation. Whenever the winery buys grapes from other sources than its own vineyards, it only purchases grapes that grow specifically from altitudes between 3,300 and 5,000 feet. Though long known as a subsidiary of Catena Zapata, in recent years the quality of Alamos' wines has crystallized its reputation as a brand in its own right, not to mention as a reference for malbec both inside and outside Argentina. It is one of the most widely distributed Argentine wines in the United States.

ALAMOS MALBEC MENDOZA SELECCIÓN 2015

Aromas of tea, berry and spice follow through to a medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Old vine selection. Finesse. Drink now.

92 Pts.**ALAMOS MALBEC MENDOZA 2016**

#realmalbec. A medium-bodied red with firm tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Really intense and flavorful. Lovely balance and finesse. One of the best deals out there. Drink now.

91 Pts.

ALBAROSSA

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FINCA
ALBAROSSA

The somewhat remote northern province of Tucumán— which has only slightly more than a dozen wineries— is home to the Albarossa’s winery. The winery belongs to a couple of Italian background who had visited the region on vacation in 2008, fell in love with the area and dreamt of producing wines in this region. Their dream came true in 2014; and the winery owns approximately a dozen hectares planted with just torrontés and malbec.

**ALBAROSSA TORRONTES VALLES
CALCHAQUÍES CAYAFATE VINO DE ALTURA
2016**

Aromas of sliced apples, peaches and lemons follow through to a medium body, fresh acidity and an almond, slate and green-apple aftertaste. Drink now.

90 Pts.

**ALBAROSSA VALLES CALCHAQUI
TUCUMAN MALBEC 2016**

Lots of dried-fruit and orange-peel character. Full-bodied, chewy and rich with chocolate and berry flavors. A little hard now but should soften and open later. Try in 2019.

92 Pts.



ALTA VISTA

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ALTA VISTA

Terroir Expression Winemakers®

Founded in 1998 by the d'Aulan family, who has a long history of winemaking in France and Hungary, Alta Vista was established in pursuit of creating the best malbec and torrontés possible. Each of the estate's six vineyards in Mendoza and Salta, though all located at 1,000 meters above sea level, receives special treatment based on their terroirs in order to cultivate the finest grapes possible. This, coupled with a winery boasting cutting-edge technology and unique small tanks, results in excellent wines.

**ALTA VISTA MALBEC VALLE DE UCO
SINGLE VINEYARD TEMIS 2013**

Complex aromas of crushed berry, raspberry, and hints of flowers. Full body, firm and silky textured red with a lovely freshness. Layered and focused. Drink or hold.

94 Pts.**ALTA VISTA MALBEC MENDOZA TERROIR
SELECTION 2013**

A dense and soft red with dried berry and chocolate character. Full and velvety texture. Drink now.

91 Pts.

ALTOCEDRO

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ALTOCEDRO

Located in Valle de Uco's La Consulta, AltoCedro is the project of winemaker and entrepreneur Karim Mussi Saffie, whose commitment to quality drove him to find the region's best soils. Karim's father Mario Mussi founded the estate in 1989 and the wine was then mostly exported in bulk. After training as an enologist, Karim took over the estate in 1999. He then decided to cut down yields radically and increase plant density with new vineyards. The result are higher quality wines.

ALTOCEDRO MALBEC LA CONSULTA VALLE DE UCO AÑO CERO 2015

A juicy and rich wine with lots of dried fruit and meat. Full body, round tannins and a savory finish. Delicious to drink now but has the stuffing to age.

92 Pts.**ALTOCEDRO LA CONSULTA VALLE DE UCO SELECT 2015**

Floral and fruity with cherry and dried-strawberry aromas that follow through to a full body, firm and silky tannins and great brightness and focus. A blend of malbec, cab sauvignon, tempranillo and syrah. Very pretty and vivid. Drink now.

92 Pts.

ANGULO INNOCENTI

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ANGULO INNOCENTI
VITICULTORES

Pedro Angulo and Angel Innocenti were vineyard growers in their native Europe – Pedro in the Basque country and Angel in Tuscany, before arriving in Argentina in the late 19th century. Today, Alejandro Angulo and Mariano Innocenti, third and fourth generation family members respectively have gone back to the family roots producing wines in Mendoza’s La Consulta, with a 120-hectare property planted primarily with malbec and cabernet sauvignon.

ANGULO INNOCENTI MALBEC LA CONSULTA VALLE DE UCO NONNI 2014

A fresh and juicy wine with dried-berry and chocolate character. Medium body. Screw cap. Drink now.

90 Pts.

ANGULO INNOCENTI LA CONSULTA VALLE DE UCO UNISONO 2012

A compact and rich wine with decadent and very pretty blackberry undertones. Full body, yet a soft and velvety texture. Real malbec. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.



ANTIGAL

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ANTIGAL
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Bodega Antigal was established on the site of a historic winery in Russell, Maipú in Mendoza, with its origins going back to 1897. Yet the first vintage of Antigal was only released in 2005. The vineyards are located in Tupungato and Maipú. Winemaker Miriam Gómez is in charge of this project. A young project, it is already making strides in quality wine production.

ANTIGAL MALBEC MENDOZA UNO LA DOLORES VINEYARD 2008

A little old school but shows some balance to the richness. Full body, velvety tannins and a very fruity finish. Drink now.

90 Pts.

ANTIGAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOZA UNO 2014

More refined and balanced than in past vintages. Medium body and ultra-fine tannins. Fresh and clean. Drink now.

90 Pts.



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BODEGA BENEGAS

The Benegas family has been producing fine wines in Mendoza since the late 1800s when Don Tiburcio Benegas founded “El Trapiche.” In the 1970s, most of the family’s properties were dissolved, however in 2000 the family returned to the winemaking world with Bodega Benegas. The wines here are both from the lower Luján de Cuyo region and from higher altitude in Valle de Uco. Their La Encerrada estate in Gualtallary, Mendoza’s top vineyard, produces wines full of character, typicity and freshness derived from the altitude and its chalky soils. Yet all of their vineyard-driven wines show personality and quality.

BENEGAS ESTATE MALBEC 2015

Aromas of chocolate, walnuts, spices and berries follow through to a full body, chewy tannins and a savory finish. The hints of tobacco and tea are really interesting here. Drink now.

93 Pts.

BENEGAS DON TIBURCIO 2015

Blueberry, chocolate and light spice character on the nose and palate.

Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a fruity finish. A blend of malbec, cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot and merlot.

Needs a year or two to soften.

92 Pts.



CATENA ZAPATA

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BODEGA CATENA ZAPATA

Since 1902

Catena Zapata is one of Argentina's historic estates as well as one of the main quality leaders in Argentina. The family has been involved in winemaking since the early 1900s when the late Nicolás Catena founded the winery. The family journeyed through the 20th century and the different estates and underwent various transformations. It wasn't until the 1980s when Nicolás Catena's grandson, Nicolás Catena, decided to put all his efforts into becoming Argentina's first fine wine producer. The Catenas were the first to plant in what is known today as one of the finest sites for winegrowing in Mendoza - Gualtallary. In fact, they have a research institute devoted to the exploration and definition of the capacities and characteristics of this vineyard. Their White Stones is a milestone in the world of white wine in Argentina. Don't miss it.

**CATENA ZAPATA MALBEC MENDOZA
ADRIANNA VINEYARD FORTUNA TERRAE
2013**

Blackberry and blueberry aromas with hints of spice and bark. Perfumed. Full body, layered, chewy and polished. Deep and beautiful with so much dark fruit and intensity. Stone and chalk at the finish. Powerful. Drink in 2020 and onwards. Made from organically grown grapes.

96 Pts.
**CATENA ZAPATA CHARDONNAY MENDOZA
ADRIANNA VINEYARD WHITE STONES
2014**

This is a fabulous white proving that Argentina can compete with the greatest whites of the world. Complex aromas of stones, lime, lemon, flan, meringue, and flowers. Hints of pie crust. Full body, with mineral, stone and electric acidity. Joyous. Drink now or hold. Made from organically grown grapes.

99 Pts.

BODEGA DEL RÍO ELORZA

MIAMI



BODEGA

DEL RIO ELORZA

PATAGONIA ARGENTINA

In 2001, the Del Río Elorza Family purchased a 40-hectare estate in Colonia Lucinda de Fernández Oro in Alto Valle in the Province of Río Negro, at a latitude of 39° South in Patagonia, where a vineyard had been planted at the beginning of the 20th century. In 2004, they started to replant most of the 100-year-old vines that had been abandoned with selected clones of malbec, pinot noir, merlot, cabernet franc and chardonnay, all grown at high density. This small winery produces beautiful and well-balanced wines.

**BODEGA DEL RÍO ELORZA CHARDONNAY
PATAGONIA VERUM 2016**

Layered and fruity with pretty fruit and cooked apples. Medium-to full-bodied, layered and phenolic with a lovely texture. Drink now.

93 Pts.
**BODEGA DEL RÍO ELORZA MALBEC
PATAGONIA VERUM RESERVA 2016**

Violet, blueberry and licorice aromas follow through to a medium to full body, firm and chewy tannins and a coffee-bean, bark and black-tea character. Big improvement here. Drink now.

93 Pts.


BODEGA DIAMANDES

NEW YORK



Located in the Uco Valley, in the foothills of the Andes, Bodega DiamAndes has produced a range of intense, elegant wines since its creation in 2005; it is owned by the Bonnie family, who also manages Château Malartic-Lagravière, a Grand Cru Classé in Graves, and Château Gazin Rocquencourt in Bordeaux. Produced exclusively from grapes from DiamAndes' single block of 130 hectares of vines, these wines are popular with wine lovers all over the world.

BODEGA DIAMANDES MALBEC VALLE DE UCO GRAN RESERVA 2009

This is very refined for the vintage with blackberry, blueberry and hints of wood. Full body, elegant tannins and a long flavorful finish. 80% new French wood and aged 24 months. 80% malbec and 20% cabernet sauvignon. Drink now or hold.

93 Pts.

BODEGA DIAMANDES MALBEC VALLE DE UCO 2014

This is a dense and rich malbec with dark-berry, milk-chocolate and spice character. Full body that is tight and polished yet long and flavorful. A solid producer who doesn't let you down on malbec. Drink now.

92 Pts.



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Aurelio Montes Sr., winemaker and founding partner of Viña Montes in Chile, started Kaiken in 2002 after multiple trips to Argentina the previous year. He was intrigued by the land and its people and eager to contribute his own experience to the country's wine industry. His son Aurelio Jr. even agreed to move and work there, until recently, to make outstanding wines. Named after the caiquenes, or wild geese that fly between Argentina and Chile, Montes himself crossed the Andes between the two countries to create Kaiken. With a goal of making wine that reflects the best of both sides of the mountains, passion and commitment to quality can be found at the core of the estate's winemaking process. Montes' knowledge, coupled with a calculated expression of Mendoza's unique terroir results in fruit-forward, exciting wines. He also makes wines under his family name in Chile that are equally breathtaking.

KAIKEN MALBEC MENDOZA MAI 2013

This is a powerful and rich red with great depth and character. Love the texture. Full-bodied, chewy and layered. Muscular. Structured. This is a 125-year-old vineyard! Exceptional. Fresh and energetic. Better in 2019.

97 Pts.

KAIKEN CABERNET FRANC LUJÁN DE CUYO OBERTURA 2015

This is a solid and exciting wine with so much soul. Spices, walnuts, stones, dark fruit and dried-berry character. Full body, chewy tannins and a savory finish. A small-production wine from head-pruned vines. Drink or hold.

94 Pts.



LA CELIA

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PIONEROS EN EL VALLE DE UCO



LA CELIA

SINCE 1890

La Celia was created in 1890 when Eugenio Bustos arrived in the Mendoza's Valle de Uco and planted his first malbec vines from France. As a pioneer in this upcoming area, this winery makes a magnificent and complex malbec, among other varieties that are available in more than a dozen countries. In 2000, La Celia was acquired by the Viña San Pedro Tarapacá Wine Group (VSPT Wine Group), a leading company in the wine business both in Chile and Argentina. The wines always show a freshness and structure, which highlights their drinkability.

LA CELIA MALBEC MENDOZA HERITAGE SINGLE VINEYARD 2013

Love the aromas of dried flowers, dark berry and hints of chocolate. Stones too. Full body yet all in balance and beauty. Such a pretty texture to this. Drink or hold.

94 Pts.

LA CELIA MALBEC VALLE DE UCO PIONEER 2015

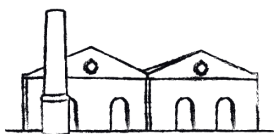
Floral and berry-like with hints of spices. Medium body and very fine tannins. Fresh and clean. Lovely balance and subtlety. Drink now.

92 Pts.



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LAGARDE

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Bodega Lagarde dates back to 1897 and is one of the oldest wineries in the Mendoza region. It was acquired by the venerable Pescarmona family in 1969. Today it is run by the Pescarmona sisters Sofía and Lucila, who are third generation winemakers. Lagarde has five vineyards in the best growing appellations of Mendoza focusing on making terroir driven, female elegant wines. The winery is located in Luján de Cuyo and is mostly sought after their wonderful Malbec's made from one hundred year old vines. An Argentine classic for wines with a food driven and delicate palate inspired in old world cuvées.

**LAGARDE SEMILLON MENDOZA HENRY
LAGARDE 2016**

A tangy and lemony white with so much citrus zest. Medium body, bright acidity and a clean and vibrant finish. Drink now.

90 Pts.

**LAGARDE MALBEC LUJÁN DE CUYO
GUARDA MALBEC D.O.C 2015**

There is a balance and focus to this red that I really like. Medium body, fine tannins and a savory finish. Dark fruit. Chocolate and tobacco. Drink now.

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BODEGA NORTON

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B O D E G A
N O R T O N



Signature Winemaking

With a rich history dating back to 1895, Bodega Norton was the first winery established south of the Mendoza River. The estate was founded by English engineer Edmund James Palmer Norton with vines imported from France, and was later purchased in 1989 by Austrian businessman Gernot Langes-Swarovski, of the famous Austrian crystal-making family. Gernot's son Michael soon became manager of the winery and began exporting high-quality wines after initiating a new phase of investment, modernization and growth. By 2000, Bodega Norton was one of the leading wine exporters of Argentina, and now exports to more than 60 countries. The knowledge and passion of Michael and his team stand out here, coupled with state-of-the-art technology. The single-vineyard and special lot malbecs are Norton's most exciting wines but its simple bottlings are consistently some of the best values from Argentina.

BODEGA NORTON VALLE DE UCO LOTE NEGRO UNIQUE EDITION 2015

Hot-stone and berry character with hints of flowers on the nose. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a clean finish. A blend of malbec and cabernet franc. Needs time to soften. Better in 2020.

94 Pts.

BODEGA NORTON MALBEC MENDOZA PRIVADA 2014

Aromas of fruit, vanilla and coffee follow through to a full body, round and juicy tannins and a savory finish. A little chewy. Will be better in 2019 but is delicious now and always serious.

93 Pts.



BODEGA PIEDRA NEGRA

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François Lurton and his brother Jacques began making wine in Argentina in 1992, but it wasn't until 1996 that they found the perfect location in Valle de Uco, purchasing 200 hectares for their new venture, Bodega Piedra Negra. Set in the foothills of the Andes, the gravel of this semi-desert land was compared by François' father, André, to Bordeaux' Pessac-Léognan, where the family's Château La Louvière and Château Couhins-Lurton are located. Now with even the earliest vines over 15 years old, Bodega Piedra Negra produces wonderfully low yields of high quality grapes – mainly malbec, cabernet sauvignon and pinot gris - and it bottles fascinating and delicious wines.

**BODEGA PIEDRA NEGRA VALLE DE UCO
PINOT GRIS ALTA COLECCIÓN 2017**

A round and delicious pinot gris with spice and apple character. Full and flavorful. Layered. Drink now. Screw cap.

90 Pts.

**BODEGA PIEDRA NEGRA MALBEC VALLE
DE UCO GRAN MALBEC 2013**

Very exotic aromas of flowers and blackberries follow through to a full body, velvety tannins and a rich finish. Shows focus and freshness. Drink now.

92 Pts.



RENACER

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ReNacer

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Founded in 2004 and located in Perdriel, Luján de Cuyo, Bodega Renacer produces Punto Final and Renacer, both focusing on clean fruit and bright structure. Run by the Reich family and Tuscan wine consultant Alberto Antonini, Renacer wines show beautiful character and provenance. The winery has 40 hectares under vine—including some plots of 90-year-old malbec—and features mix of classic and modern architecture. It even has a medieval-styled tower built of stone walls. It is a short drive from downtown Mendoza and also has a restaurant.

RENACER CABERNET FRANC MENDOZA 2013

A silky and fruity wine with tobacco, berry and walnut character. Medium body, integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.**RENACER MALBEC MENDOZA PUNTO FINAL RESERVA 2014**

Riper and juicier style with dried-berry and citrus character. Full body, round and juicy tannins and a savory finish. All there. Drink now.

91 Pts.

VALENTIN BIANCHI

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C A S A
B I A N C H I
F A M I L I A D E V I N O S

This is a fourth generation, family-owned Argentine winery founded in 1928 by Italian immigrant Valentín Bianchi who realized his dream of owning a vineyard and winery. His grandson, Raul Bianchi, now leads the winery with the help of famed Napa Valley winemaker Bob Pepi who, as a consultant, introduced new techniques while maintaining the wines' Argentine character. The winery and vineyards are located in San Rafael, Mendoza. They make wines with depth and style.

VALENTIN BIANCHI MALBEC MENDOZA PARTICULAR MALBEC 2014

Floral and subtly fruit wine with perfume. Medium to full body, fine and soft tannins and a fruity finish. Delicious now.

91 Pts.

VALENTIN BIANCHI FAMIGLIA BIANCHI CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOZA 2014

A juicy and fruity wine with berries, light vanilla and hints of flowers. Medium to full body and soft tannins. Drink now.

91 Pts.



BODEGAS CARO

MIAMI



BODEGAS CARO



Bodegas Caro was formed as a joint venture between Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) and the Catena family in 1999 with the idea of creating something unique by merging French and Argentine insight and culture. Skilled in the cultivation of cabernet sauvignon and the making of exceptional wines by blending different grape varieties, DBR (Lafite) matched this prowess with the Catena family's passion for malbec and knowledge of high-altitude terroirs in Mendoza. The result was Caro's first vintage in 2000, which successfully combined Argentine terroir with Bordeaux style. Valuing the alliance between cabernet and malbec that is at its core, the winery meticulously selects grapes from the best vineyards for each varietal in Mendoza. Caro also possesses a restored cellar in the city of Mendoza that dates back to 1884, which goes perhaps even further in explaining the production of the estate's complex, high-quality wines.

BODEGAS CARO MENDOZA 2014

Aromas of spices, smoke, berries and bark follow through to a medium body, medium round tannins and a wonderful finish. Love the finish of this, which gives a hint of walnuts, dark tea and ripe fruit. Very sophisticated. A blend of malbec and cabernet sauvignon. Better in 2019.

95 Pts.**BODEGAS CARO MALBEC CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOZA AMANCAYA GRAN RESERVA 2015**

This shows a depth of fruit and balance. Hints of sweetness in the center palate. Full to medium body, balanced and refined. A blend of malbec and cabernet sauvignon. Drink now.

92 Pts.

SALENTEIN

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SALENTEIN

VALLE DE UCO

MENDOZA ARGENTINA

Established in the late 1990s, Salentein is an over 2000 hectare privately owned estate of which about one fourth is planted to vine. The Salentein vineyards, located in the Uco Valley in Mendoza, are at an elevation of 1,200 meters above sea level and also offer luxury guest rooms. Chief winemaker, José Galante, is considered to be one of the most influential winemakers in Argentina. The wines seem to be improving in quality with each vintage at the moment.

SALENTEIN VALLE DE UCO NUMINA GRAN CORTE 2014

Slightly over-extracted style, but there's lots of ripe fruit and spices. Full-bodied, juicy and intense. Walnuts and toasted oak. Give it time to come together. A blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, petit verdot and merlot. Drink in 2020.

92 Pts.

SALENTEIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE UCO PRIMUM 2013

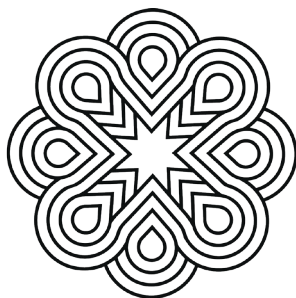
A pretty and balanced red with currant, berry and mint character. Medium body and fine tannins. Drink now.

90 Pts.



CASA DE UCO

MIAMI



CASA DE UCO

VINEYARDS & WINE RESORT

Casa de Uco Vineyards is also a wine resort located in the heart of the Uco Valley, owned by the Argentine family Tonconogy, who are originally from Buenos Aires. Italian wine consultant Alberto Antonini oversees the production at this estate with 70 hectares currently planted with malbec, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, pinot noir, petit verdot, pinot gris, chardonnay, torrontes and sauvignon blanc. The winery's first vintage was produced in 2012 and the wines continue to get better and better.

**CASA DE UCO MALBEC VALLE DE UCO
SINGLE VINEYARD 2014**

A big and juicy style that has loads of fruit yet remains fresh and focused. Full body and a juicy finish. No raisins. Drink now.

91 Pts.
**CASA DE UCO MALBEC VALLE DE UCO
SALVAJE 2014**

Dried-fruit, fig and berry character on the nose. Full body, soft and juicy with lots of flavor at the end. A little overdone but very alluring. Drink now.

91 Pts.


CHACRA

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CHACRA

Chacra is unusual in Argentina in that rather than focusing on the ubiquitous malbec, the winery's emphasis is on pinot noir. Located in Río Negro Valley in Patagonia, Chacra was founded in 2004 by Piero Incisa della Rocchetta, whose family owns the famous Italian winery of Tenuta San Guido, makers of Sassicaia in Bolgheri, Tuscany. Piero became interested in Río Negro when he blind-tasted a pinot noir made from an old vineyard in Patagonia. After a few trips to the region, he acquired an ancient, head-pruned vineyard planted in 1932, which still provides the name for the winery's flagship wine Treinta y Dos (which means 32 in Spanish). Chacra now makes two single-vineyard pinot noirs, a blend of different pinot vineyards as well as a blend. All cultivated biodynamically. The tiny yields from the old vines combined with the arid climate of the region make these pinots vivid and concentrated, while always maintaining the subtlety and elegant characteristic of the variety at its best.

CHACRA PINOT NOIR PATAGONIA BARDA 2016

A fantastic Barda with dried strawberries, orange peel and tangerines. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a long and flavorful finish. 60% fermented and aged in cement tanks. Tight and beautiful. Drink or hold.

95 Pts.**CHACRA PINOT NOIR PATAGONIA CINCUENTA Y CINCO 2016**

Floral and offering up dark berries and dried strawberries. Hints of dried lemon skin. Full-bodied, very powerful and deep in terms of fruit. Chewy tannins yet they're so polished. Goes on for minutes. Best ever. Drink or hold.

96 Pts.

CLOS DE CHACRAS

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CLOS DE CHACRAS

BODEGA DE FAMILIA

The first vintage of Clos de Chacras was produced in 2004, although the first generation of the Gargantini family arrived in Argentina from Switzerland at the end of the 19th century. The winery - housed in a building that dates back to 1921 - is in Chacras de Coria, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, and its grapes come from Chacras de Coria in Luján de Cuyo and Tupungato in Uco Valley. The winery's location allows it to benefit from many hours of abundant sunshine and a long ripening season. Cavas de Crianza, Eredità and Gran Estirpe are among the brands that the winery produces.

**CLOS DE CHACRAS MALBEC MENDOZA
CAVAS DE CRIANZA 2015**

A light lean but some good berry, spice and cherry character plus hints of walnuts. Medium body, good fruit and a linear, bright finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.
**CLOS DE CHACRAS MALBEC MENDOZA
EREDITÀ 2014**

Aromas of blackberries, toasted oak and hints of spices follow through to a full body, round and juicy tannins and a savory finish. Drink or hold.

91 Pts.


BODEGA CUARTO DOMINIO

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B O D E G A
CUARTO DOMINIO
 — MENDOZA - ARGENTINA —

Bodega Cuarto Dominio in Mendoza's La Consulta is one of the hottest "young" wineries in the region with two 30-something dynamos at the helm – Javier Catena Pedro and Andrés Blanchard Perez. The winery was actually established by Javier's great-grandfather in 1902 but it took the young lads of today to give the project a kick start. At the moment, they are making flavor intensive, well-structured and energetic reds that please even the most discerning palate. Go for it!

**BODEGA CUARTO DOMINIO MALBEC
 MENDOZA CUARTO DOMINIO 2012**

A solid red with beautiful currant and blueberry character. Full body, silky tannins and a long finish. Plenty of subtle fruit at the finish. This is almost all malbec with 5% cabernet franc and 5% petit verdot. Cool young winemakers on a roll. Needs two or three years to soften.

94 Pts.

**BODEGA CUARTO DOMINIO MALBEC
 MENDOZA CHENTO VINEYARD SELECTION
 2014**

I like how this is tight and firm with medium to full body, delicate dried berry and violet character. Medium to full body, bright finish. Hints of lemon rind. 80% unoaked. A splash of cabernet franc with malbec. Drink now.

92 Pts.



DOMAINE BOUSQUET

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BOUSQUET

Naturally Elegant Wines™

The Bousquet family arrived in Mendoza from the South of France in 1990 with experience in the wine making world. After exploring the different winegrowing regions of Mendoza and other parts of the world, the family decided to settle in what today is one of the most prized vineyards in Mendoza – Gualtallary. Domaine Bousquet’s vineyard is comprised of 110 hectares that sit at an altitude of more than 1,000 meters above sea level, where the cool nighttime temperatures, winds and the predominantly gravelly soils create the perfect conditions to produce ripe yet fresh, balanced grapes. The French savoir-faire combined with the exceptional terroirs of Valle de Uco produce compelling wines that you must try. Taste their Gaia red blend, a delicious mix of malbec, syrah and cabernet sauvignon.

DOMAINE BOUSQUET TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO GAIA RED BLEND 2013

A solid red with blackberry, pepper, spice and hints of toasted oak. Full body, chewy tannins and a savory finish. Drink now. A blend of 50% malbec, 45% syrah and 5% cabernet sauvignon.

92 Pts.

DOMAINE BOUSQUET MALBEC TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO RESERVA 2016

Ground-mushrooms and berries with hints of stones on the nose. Medium body, soft and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.



DOÑA PAULA

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DOÑA PAULA

ARGENTINA

South American entrepreneur Ricardo Claro founded Doña Paula in 1997 with the acquisition of a vineyard in Mendoza's Luján de Cuyo at the foothills of the Andes. The area is famous for its malbec, from which the winery manages to produce excellent examples at reasonable prices. The state-of-the-art technology and innovation behind Doña Paula is implemented with a focus on the export market. It is one of the leading Argentine wineries to export premium wines, with 97 percent of its production reaching more than 60 countries. Customers appreciate, as I do, the freshness and focus in Doña Paula's wines.

DOÑA PAULA MALBEC VALLE DE UCO ESTATE 2016

A juicy and fruity wine showing hints of orange peel and stones. A medium to full body, fine tannins and a delicious finish. Excellent improvement. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.

DOÑA PAULA VALLE DE UCO 1100 2015

Aromas of walnuts and blackberries follow through to a full body that's tight and silky. Beautiful finesse with poise. Give it two years to soften. Drink in 2019.

92 Pts.



EL ENEMIGO

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EL ENEMIGO

Mendoza · Argentina

The name of the winery means “the enemy” in Spanish. Yet, El Enemigo was named after the defining battle that’s fought within ourselves to make outstanding wines. This winery is certainly winning! Though a relatively young Argentine estate started in 2007, its founders are anything but inexperienced. Winemaker Alejandro Vigil is a soil expert who has been chief winemaker of Bodega Catena Zapata for more than a decade, and partner Adrianna Catena, a historian, is Catena Zapata’s Nicolas Catena’s youngest daughter, whose dream is to continue her family’s legacy. El Enemigo excels at making wines from Mendoza’s diverse terroirs. Whether from Gualtallary (Mendoza’s Montrachet) in Valle de Uco or the lower vineyards of Agrelo, Alejandro produces exceptional wines that encapsulate Mendoza’s diverse soils, microclimates, and grape types.

EL ENEMIGO MENDOZA GRAN ENEMIGO 2012

A dense and muscular red but shows fabulous texture and form. Full body, firm and velvety tannins and a length that is splendid and sophisticated. A blend of cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon with merlot and petit verdot. Needs two or three years to soften but so great.

97 Pts.**EL ENEMIGO CHARDONNAY MENDOZA 2015**

This is dense and flavorful with lots of sliced apple, almond and flower character. Hints of kiwi too. Full body, dry and exceptionally long finish. Oily but dry. Wild. Drink now.

95 Pts.

EL ESTECO

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VALLES CALCHAQUÍES



EL ESTECO

ARGENTINA

The winery is located in the breathtaking Colorado-like Valle de Calchaquíes in the northern region of Salta. Now owned by Grupo Peñaflor, the estate was founded in 1862 by two Frenchmen and was one of the first wineries in the region. Salta is characterized by its arid climate and extreme altitude; some of the highest yielding vineyards in the world are here in Cafayate. The combination of cold nights with warm days and severe sunlight makes deep and intense wines. But at El Esteco, the wines maintain their intensity with a sense of finesse and balance that really express the brilliance of the region's wines. Try its Chañar Punco wine to see for yourself.

**EL ESTECO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLES CALCHAQUÍES CAFAYATE 2015**

This is a red that shows a green olive and berry character with hints of rose stem. Full body, firm and silky with a very pretty intensity and linear line through the middle palate. I like its muscular tension. Needs two or three years to soften.

92 Pts.
**EL ESTECO VALLES CALCHAQUÍES
CAFAYATE CHAÑAR PUNCO 2014**

This is a crazy wine that really shows the potential of Cafayate. Full body and chewy tannins, yet this has an energy and focus that gives the blend character. Mostly malbec with cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Better in 2020 but all here.

94 Pts.


ESCORIHUELA GASCÓN

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DON MIGUEL GASCÓN
GASCÓN®
ARGENTINA
EST. 1884

Even though Miguel Escorihuela Gascón, a Spanish visionary created this prestigious winery in Argentina in 1884 at the age of 23, it wasn't until recently that the winery has been making top quality reds and whites. The vineyards are located in Agrelo and Altamira in Mendoza and the winery is centrally located only a couple of miles away from the center of Mendoza, with Francis Mallmann's iconic restaurant "1884" located on site. One of Argentina's largest premium wines producer, Escorihuela wines show excellent balance and finesse.

**ESCORIHUELA GASCON MALBEC
MENDOZA GASCÓN 2015**

Very well-crafted red with plum and berry character. Chocolate undertones and walnuts. Medium body. Savory finish. Dry at the end. Drink now.

91 Pts.

**ESCORIHUELA GASCON MALBEC
MENDOZA GASCÓN RESERVA 2015**

This shows a firmness and linear character. Medium body and dark-chocolate and blackberry character. Long and flavorful. Delicious malbec. Drink or hold.

90 Pts.



FABRE MONTMAYOU

NEW YORK



Fabre Montmayou®

BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS

Hervé Joyaux Fabre, the owner and director of Fabre Montmayou, has always had wine running through his veins as he was born into a wine merchant family in Bordeaux, France. He came to Argentina in the early 1990s and fell in love with the best regions of Mendoza. It wasn't long before he purchased 15 hectares of old vines and starting making wine. He never looked back as he continued to buy vineyards in the area as well as Patagonia. Today, he makes beautifully crafted and delicious wines that hark back to his Bordeaux origins.

FABRE MONTMAYOU MALBEC MENDOZA RESERVA 2015

Tar and dark-berry character with hints of black licorice. Full body, chewy tannins and a juicy finish. Always outstanding. Drink now.

91 Pts.

FABRE MONTMAYOU MALBEC MENDOZA GRAN RESERVA 2014

Some berry and cherry character with violet undertones. Medium body. A solid core of fruit and a juicy finish. Very nice. Drink now.

91 Pts.



FAMILIA SCHROEDER

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PATAGONIA - ARGENTINA

Familia Schroeder was founded in 2001 and is located in San Patricio del Chañar Valley in Patagonia, Argentina. The estate consists of 140 hectares planted with malbec, pinot noir, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and torrontes. The Schoreder family also owns companies in the health and media fields in the region, and it remains a firm believer in the Neuquén region's potential for production of fine wines. Its Saurus line delivers excellent quality and value. Among wine cognoscenti, Patagonia is best known for its success with pinot noir but Schroeder shows that malbec is equally impressive from this region.

SAURUS MALBEC PATAGONIA BARREL FERMENTED 2016

Shows softness and juicy fruit with hints of earth and cedar. Flowers, too. Full-bodied, tangy and focused. Linear tannins and acidity. Cool wine. Drink now.

92 Pts.**SAURUS PINOT NOIR PATAGONIA SELECT 2015**

A juicy and fruity wine with berry, cedar and lemon character. Medium body. Crisp and clean. Drink now.

91 Pts.

FINCA DECERO

NEW YORK



From a family with winemaking roots in Switzerland as well as Napa Valley, the late Thomas Schmidheiny became captivated by Agrelo when traveling through the Andes in Argentina. Decero means “from scratch,” and that’s just how Thomas built his winery on the nearly bare foothills of the mountains there. The estate’s only vineyard, Remolinos, grows all of the grapes for Decero’s wines, and all fruit is handpicked. Sustainability is also key for the estate and its vineyard – the highest in Agrelo, at more than 1,000 meters above sea level – is nurtured by hand. I like the dynamism and richness of the wines here.

DECERO MALBEC AGRELO LUJÁN DE CUYO REMOLINOS VINEYARD 2015

Quite a lot of dried fruit on the nose with spice and mahogany aromas. Medium body, juicy fruit and a flavorful finish. Fruity and fun. Drink now.

90 Pts.
DECERO MENDOZA THE OWL & THE DUST DEVIL 2014

Perfumed and juicy with blackberry and cherry character. Medium body, firm tannins and a silky and refined finish. A blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot and tannat. Drink or hold.

90 Pts.


FINCA LAS MORAS

NEW YORK

FINCA LAS MORAS

With roots in the valleys of Tulum, Zonda and Pederal in San Juan, one of the main wine regions in Argentina, Las Moras is another label of winery group of Peñaflor's widely distributed wine brands. Finca Las Moras is an excellent value for money as its wines demonstrate outstanding character and finesse.

**FINCA LAS MORAS MALBEC SAN JUAN
PAZ 2016**

Very fine and focused with blackberry, blueberry, and violet. Medium body, beautiful finish. Seriously made. A favorite for the price. Drink now.

93 Pts.

**FINCA LAS MORAS CABERNET
SAUVIGNON ARGENTINA BARREL SELECT
2016**

A pretty cabernet with blackcurrants and hints of black licorice. Medium-bodied, fruity and fresh. Real wine. Drink now.

91 Pts.



FINCA QUARA

MIAMI

FINCA QUARA

VALLE DE CAFAYATE

Quara traces its history back to the end of the 19th century when José Fortunato Lavaque arrived in Buenos Aires from Lebanon and soon began to look for a place to make wine. His search took him to the northern Argentine region of Salta, which is known for its high altitude vineyards and fresh wines. However, it wasn't until family member Rodolfo Lavaque launched his Quara label in the 1990s that the reputation and quality of the wines really took off. The wines today show the Salta character with a richness and freshness at the same time.

QUARA CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE CAFAYATE SPECIAL SELECTION 2016

A fine and silky red with a medium body and juicy fruit. Chocolate and hints of cedar. Balanced and delicious. Drink now.

91 Pts.

QUARA MALBEC VALLE DE CAFAYATE VIÑA CABRA CORRAL SINGLE VINEYARD 2015

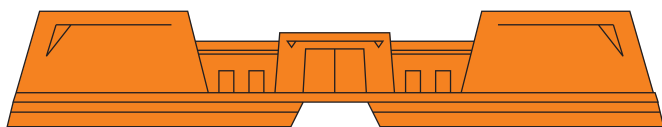
A fresh and clean wine with blueberry, cherry and spice character. Medium body and a crisp and focused finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.



FLECHAS DE LOS ANDES

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FLECHAS DE LOS ANDES

Flechas de los Andes was part of the original group of French winemakers who came to Argentina at the turn of the millennium to produce wines under the grouping of Clos de la Siete in the Uco Valley. It's owned by French industrialists Benjamin de Rothschild and Laurent Dassault who also own wineries in Bordeaux – Château Clark and Château Dassault, respectively. It's a large modern winery strategically placed in the center of vineyards to deliver the most in winemaking. I have noticed a trend for the wines to be much more refined and balanced than in the past, and I look forward to more excellent wines in the future.

FLECHAS DE LOS ANDES ARGENTINA GRAN CORTE 2011

This is dense and very rich with blackberry, blueberry and dark chocolate aromas and flavors. Full and silky textured. Flavorful finish. Solid even if a little old school. A blend of malbec, syrah and cabernet franc aged in 100% new French oak. Drink now.

93 Pts.

FLECHAS DE LOS ANDES MALBEC MENDOZA GRAN MALBEC 2012

I like the blueberry pie and stone aromas to this red with medium body, firm tannins and a fresh finish. From grapes grown in Valle de Uco. Drink now.

90 Pts.



KAUZO ESTATES

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KAUZO

ESTATES

Kauzo Estates was founded by a group of friends of different countries who got together in 2012 to make wine. Among many reasons, they were particularly inspired by the bright and sunny climate of Mendoza. All Kauzo's grapes are sourced in the Uco Valley with a total of 30 hectares planted at high altitudes. The winery focuses on sustainable viticulture and produces a variety of malbecs. Kauzo shines though with its old-vine malbec wines that it also labels under the 1853 moniker. This is a new winery for us, and we like the wines.

**KAUZO ESTATE MALBEC VALLE DE UCO
KAUZO 2015**

A lovely center palate of dark and juicy fruit and hints of spices and chocolate. Medium body, fine tannins and a clean and gorgeous finish. This is all about finesse and polish. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.

**1853 OLD VINE ESTATE MALBEC VALLE
DE UCO SELECTED PARCEL 2014**

Precise and bright aromas of dark fruit, fresh mushrooms and hints of walnut shell. Full body, super fine tannins and a gorgeous fruit finish. Very long and focused. Drink in 2020, but already exciting to taste.

94 Pts.



LUCA & LA POSTA VINEYARDS

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LUCA

La Posta

Laura Catena, a Harvard-trained biologist and Stanford medical school graduate - who founded the Catena Institute of Wine in 1995 - is the daughter of legendary winemaker Nicolás Catena. Her personal wine projects are La Posta, which describes the “tavern,” or gathering place where years ago growers congregated to share a glass of wine and chat about the harvest before their daily siesta; and Luca, named after her oldest son which focuses on the potential of older Argentine vines. These wines are made in small quantities of artisan quality and true to their individual terroirs. Laura’s expertise is truly reflected in both brands. We like the precision and focus the wines exhibit and they continue to improve in quality each year.

LUCA MALBEC MENDOZA 2014

A rich and fresh red with dried berry, milk chocolate, spice and walnut. Full body, velvety tannins and a savory finish. From old vines in Consulta. Drink now or hold.

93 Pts.

LA POSTA MALBEC MENDOZA FAZZIO 2015

I love the perfume and freshness to this with flower and blackberry undertones. Medium body, fine tannins and an underlying firmness and balance. Drink it!

92 Pts.



LUIGI BOSCA

NEW YORK

Luigi Bosca

Founded in 1901 by Leoncio Arizu, Luigi Bosca remains family owned and continues to be one of the oldest and largest premium wineries in Argentina. The Arizu family has experimented extensively to find the appropriate sites to plant the best grapes. It also has performed a massal clonal selection, striving to keep only the best clones found in the original vineyards for current winemaking. Luigi Bosca embraces biodynamics and works sustainably to provide the healthiest environment possible for the estate's vines. We see a growing improvement in wine quality here.

LUIGI BOSCA MALBEC MENDOZA 2014

Tight and slightly chewy with citrus and dark-fruit character. Medium to light body and fresh acidity. Very fine. Drink now.

90 Pts.**LUIGI BOSCA MALBEC MENDOZA****TERROIR LOS MIRADORES 2014**

Cedar and dark chocolate with berries and spices. Full body, round and velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. A little old school but shows well. Drink now.

91 Pts.

MARCELO PELLERITI WINES

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Marcelo Pelleriti
WINES

Marcelo Pelleriti is a rock star of Argentinean enology who can also actually play a mean riff on the guitar. A gifted and intuitive winemaker, Marcelo makes wines at Monteviejo as well as in Pomerol's Château La Violette and Château Le Gay. He crafts equally compelling wines in Argentina and Bordeaux. He is one of our favorite winemakers and he has recently been consulting and making wines with some of Argentina's other top rock stars. Abremundos, which literally translates to "world opener" is a joint project made with Argentine musician and songwriter Pedro Aznar. The wines are energetic but you can feel the craftsmanship of a great winemaker in the sense of both balance and purity that the wines deliver. Marcelo also has his hands in Staiti and Malbecaster. Felipe Staiti Valle de Uco Vértigo is made with legendary Argentine guitarist Felipe Staiti and is a blend of syrah and malbec from Valle de Uco. Malbecaster, a clear homage to the iconic Fender guitar, is a pure malbec made with Juanchi Baleirón, lead singer of Los Pericos, another mythical Argentine band. Both of these wines are blended with the musicians looking to reflect their tastes and passion for music.

MARCELO PELLERITI WINES MALBEC VALLE DE UCO RESERVE 2014

Aromas of blackberries, walnuts and hints of chocolate follow through to a medium to full body, silky tannins and a long finish. Love the slightly bitter aftertaste. Drink now or hold.

93 Pts.

MARCELO PELLERITI WINES CHARDONNAY VALLE DE UCO RESERVE 2015

Layered and flavorful with sliced apples, honey and limes that follow through to a medium body. Phenolic and delicious. Drink now.

91 Pts.



MASCOTA VINEYARDS

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MASCOTA

VINEYARDS

A part of the Grupo Peñaflo, Mascota Vineyards is a winery inspired by the experience and knowledge of renowned enologist, from Mendoza, Rodolfo Sadler, or “Opi,” as his friends know him. His extensive knowledge of the region and the region’s viticulture work make him one of the legends of the region. The 100-hectare property is located in the district of Maipú in Mendoza. This subregion, which is slightly lower in altitude and richer in clay, makes juicy full-bodied delicious wines. Try the 2014 Unanime – it delivers incredible quality for the money.

**MASCOTA VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY
MENDOZA UNÁNIME CHARDONNAY 2016**

This the first year of production for this wine and it is impressive. Super intense with a cooked apple and a salty character. Hints of cement too. Medium to full body, long and intense. A beauty. Drink now.

93 Pts.

**MASCOTA VINEYARDS MENDOZA
UNÁNIME 2014**

A blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and malbec, this delivers beautiful fruit with berry and lemon rind character and hints of toasted oak. Lovely flavorful finish. Delicious. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.



MASI TUPUNGATO

MIAMI



ARGENTINEAN SOUL, VENETIAN STYLE
 NATURALEZA ARGENTINA, ESTILO VENETO
 NATURA ARGENTINA, STILE VENETO

Masi Tupungato is a winemaking project developed in Argentina by Masi, one of the best producers of Amarone with roots in Italy's Veneto region dating back to 1772. The vineyards in Mendoza are planted to two emblematic Argentinean varieties, malbec and torronte and two grape varieties native to the Veneto: Corvina, which is the key to some of the unique flavors of Amarone and the top wines of Valpolicella and the ever in-popular pinot grigio. All are organically farmed. The winery is a unique blend of two cultures and countries, which you can taste from the bottle.

**MASI TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO PASSO
 BLANCO PINOT GRIGIO TORRONTÉS 2016**

Bright and fruity with sliced apples and some peaches. Medium body, vivid acidity and an energetic finish. Very lively. Drink now.

90 Pts.

**MASI TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO PASSO
 DOBLE 2015**

Loads of blackberry, spice and licorice aromas follow through to a full body and soft and silky tannins. Long and flavorful. A blend of malbec and corvina. So cool. Get this. Screw cap. Drink now.

92 Pts.



MELIPAL

SAN FRANCISCO



MELIPAL

V I Ñ A & B O D E G A

Located in Argelo in the region of Luján de Cuyo in Argentina's Mendoza, the Aristi family has been making wine at Bodega Melipal since 2002. The estate has more than 87 hectares of vines, of which 25 hectares comprise an old malbec vineyard planted in 1923. We like the richness of the reds from here as they maintain a fresh and fine-grained texture to them. Try them for yourselves at the tasting.

MELIPAL MENDOZA BLEND 2014

Very fine tannins and pretty texture with berry and cherry character. Hints of chocolate. Medium body, a beautiful balance of fruit and ripe tannins. All about finesse and length. A blend of malbec, petit verdot and cabernet franc. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.
MELIPAL MALBEC MENDOZA NAZARENAS VINEYARD 2014

Dark-berry, tea and cedar aromas follow through to a full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. A little woody on the finish but I like it. Drink in 2018.

92 Pts.


MI TERRUÑO

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**MI TERRUÑO**

B O D E G A & V I Ñ E D O S

The Baigorria family has been in the wine industry since the 1960s and founded Mi Terruño winery in 2006. The winery is located in Maipú and the family also owns vineyards in various regions of Mendoza including Uco Valley, Maipú, Luján de Cuyo and Santa Rosa. The winery's wines are available in both Asia as well as the United States and Canada. Terruño is a small producer with six lines of wines and Mi Terruño was one of this year's most pleasant discoveries from Argentina.

**MI TERRUÑO MALBEC MENDOZA
EXPRESIÓN 2014**

Aromas and flavors of chocolate and spices with hints fruit. Medium body, integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.**MI TERRUÑO MALBEC MENDOZA
MAYACABA 2013**

This is a solid glass of malbec with chocolate, dried-fruit and spice character. Full and juicy yet shows tension and firmness on the finish. Drink now.

92 Pts.

NIETO SENETINER

NEW YORK



It's all about malbec in Mendoza at Nieto Senetiner. Founded in 1969, the winery today has about 400 hectares of vineyards in three estates: Villa Blanca, Agrelo and Alto Agrelo. Using minimal intervention in the winemaking, Nieto Senetiner also has two wineries: Bodega Carrodilla, which is a modern winery with state-of-the-art technology; and Bodega Vistalba, a traditional-style, colonial winery built in the 1880s. The barrel select malbecs are clearly the best wines of the company. Try one at the tasting.

**NIETO SENETINER MALBEC MENDOZA
DON NICANOR 2015**

Tobacco-leaf, spice and dark-berry character. Medium to full body, juicy fruit and a savory finish. Soft tannins make this very attractive. Drink now **92 Pts.**

**NIETO SENETINER MALBEC MENDOZA
BARREL SELECT DON NICANOR 2015**

Aromas of dark chocolate and blue fruits with hints of walnut skin follow through to a full body, a tight palate and a juicy finish. Delicious already. Drink now. **92 Pts.**



PASCUAL TOSO

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Pascual Toso

Bodegas Toso produces beautiful, silky, and rich malbecs from the best sections of its Barrancas Vineyards. In 2002, the winery started working on a line of premium wines with California-based winemaking consultant Paul Hobbs. The 2012 Magdalena Toso, a blend of cabernet sauvignon and malbec made from the best grapes of Barrancas and aged in specially chosen barrels. Hobbs also makes his own wines at Viña Cobos. Recent vintages of Toso wines show much more balance and finesse.

PASCUAL TOSO MALBEC MENDOZA RESERVA 2015

A decadent and rich wine with sliced raw meat and dark fruits. Full body, velvety tannins and lots of ripe, lightly dried fruits. Juicy finish. Old style but I like it this year. Drink now.

90 Pts.

PASCUAL TOSO MENDOZA FINCA PEDREGAL SINGLE VINEYARDS 2015

A very dense and powerful red with lots of berry and currant character. Full-bodied, silky and intense. Stone, dark-berry and spice character. This is a blend of mostly cabernet with some malbec. Needs another two or three years in bottle.

95 Pts.



PIATTELLI VINEYARDS

MIAMI

PIATTELLI VINEYARDS

Although Piattelli may be better known for its wines from Argentina's Mendoza, it also makes outstanding bottles from Cafayate. Chief winemaker is Valeria Antolin - the fourth generation in winemaking for the family. They also us Argentina's legendary consultant winemaker Roberto de la Mota. The family-owned project began in 2002 in Mendoza and in 2013 in Cafayate. We see a bright future for the quality wines of Piattelli.

**PIATTELLI VINEYARDS TORRONTÉS
CAFAYATE SALTA 2016**

This is a real torrontes with wonderful density and richness that shows plenty of dried-lemon, grapefruit and apple character. Layered and delicious. Comes from vineyards at 6,000 feet. Drink now.

92 Pts.**PIATTELLI GRAND RESERVE MALBEC
SALTA CAFAYATE 2014**

A red with so much blueberry and blackberry character with sea salt. Full body, fine tannins. Pretty fruity finish. Drink now.

93 Pts.

PULENTA

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PULENTA ESTATE

[WINEMAKERS SINCE 1912]

Though owners Eduardo and Hugo Pulenta only founded Argentina's Pulenta Estate in 2002, they come from a family that has been producing wine in Argentina for three generations. Their Italian immigrant forefathers planted their first vines in South American in 1912; so winemaking tradition and knowledge has been passed down in the Pulenta family ever since. Located in the Agrelo region of Lujan de Cuyo, the estate's vineyards are groomed to produce limited yields of high quality. The variety of grapes grown – from sauvignon blanc, pinot gris and chardonnay to merlot, malbec, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon – give the family plenty with which to experiment. Pulenta makes refined, transparent wines that show balance and beauty.

**PULENTA GRAN CABERNET FRANC
MENDOZA XI 2013**

A fresh and perfumed cabernet franc with rose petals, fresh herbs and currant character. Full-bodied, tight and focused, offering berry and wet-earth character. Firm and silky texture. Intense finish. Polished and refined. Better in 2020 but already beautiful now.

95 Pts.**PULENTA GRAN MALBEC MENDOZA X
2013**

What a fantastic nose to this polished and intense wine. Wet earth, blackberries, licorice and walnut shell on the nose. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a fabulous finish. This is one of the best, top-class malbecs. So wonderful to drink now but better in 2019.

97 Pts.

QUATTROCCHI

MIAMI



QUATTROCCHI

family & wines

Founded in the 1970s by Italian immigrants Giuseppe Quattrocchi and Elena Camilleri the winery is currently run by the family's third generation. It is located in Lavalle, Mendoza, where it owns 300 hectares of vineyards—framed by the Andes Mountains— and planted with barbera, bonarda, cabernet sauvignon, malbec, sangiovese, chenin blanc and torrontés among other varieties. Well-balanced is a good way to describe the wines. We are happy they are one of the few producers in Argentina to focus on barbera.

QUATTROCCHI MALBEC MENDOZA OAK BARREL PLATINUM EDITION 2013

A soft and juicy red with lots of chocolate and berry character. Medium-to full-bodied, round and delicious. Drink now or hold.

91 Pts.**BARBERA MENDOZA OAK BARREL GOLD EDITION 2014**

A juicy and fruity wine with bright berries and cherries. Medium to full body. Delicious. Drink now.

91 Pts.

RIGLOS

NEW YORK



RIGLOS

THE LAND IS THE ORIGIN

Riglos makes balanced and fresh reds that underline the current trend to make less concentrated and powerful wines in Argentina. We have to say we like what we taste. With about 50 hectares, the vineyards are planted at its Finca Las Divas estate with malbec, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, and sauvignon blanc. Buenos Aires locals Darío Werthein and Fabián Suffern established the winery in 2002 and produced its first vintage in 2005. They are only now hitting their stride in high quality winemaking.

RIGLOS VALLE DE UCO GRAN CORTE LAS DIVAS VINEYARD 2014

Shows ripe and intense fruit with lots of chocolate and dark-berry character. Full-bodied, layered and flavorful. A blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc. Drink or hold.

91 Pts.
RIGLOS CABERNET FRANC TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO GRAN CABERNET FRANC 2015

This is really beautiful with dark-berry, orange-peel and dried-flower character. Medium to full body, integrated, fine tannins and a fresh, focused finish. Beautiful. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.


SAN HUBERTO

MIAMI

BODEGAS

San Huberto

VALLE DE AMINGA · LA RIOJA
ARGENTINA

San Huberto is a name we have been keeping our eye on in Argentina. Owned by the Spadone family, it actually has two large wineries with 120 hectares vineyards in Mendoza's Luján de Cuyo and 200 hectares in La Rioja province in Aminga Valley. The wines are super drinkable and fun with good prices too. The Spadones also have interest in a winery in Huailai, China.

SAN HUBERTO MENDOZA NINA GRAN MALBEC 2013

Pretty mineral and blueberry aromas and flavors that are bright and fruity. Medium body, tight and silky. Shows finesse and freshness. Drink now.

90 Pts.

SAN HUBERTO LA RIOJA NINA BLEND 2012

Soft and fruity with dried-fruit, berry and raisin character. Full-bodied, round and savory. Delicious finish. A blend of malbec, cabernet and petit verdot. Drink now.

91 Pts.



FAMILIA SCOTTI

MIAMI

Scotti WINES

Following a long career at Norton winery, Eduardo Olivera Scotti and his wife produced their first vintage at Familia Scotti in 2013. It was an impressive debut and the newest wines on the market, 2014, also are outstanding quality. The Scottis source their grapes mostly in Luján de Cuyo and Valle de Uco. They work closely with growers to assure grapes are picked at optimum moments. This is a new project in Mendoza to keep on eye on.

**FAMILIA SCOTTI SAUVIGNON BLANC
MENDOZA GRANDELIRIO 2016**

A sauvignon blanc offering an exuberant nose of citrus and dried apricots. Medium-bodied with lots of fruit. Drink now.

90 Pts.

**FAMILIA SCOTTI MALBEC MENDOZA ÜL
RESERVA 2014**

A medium-bodied wine with cedar, almond and dark-berry character. Fresh and tight. Delicious. Drink now.

92 Pts.



SIESTA EN EL TAHUANTINSUYU & TIKAL (ERNESTO CATENA)

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SIESTA

EN EL *TAHUANTINSUYU*

~ BODEGA & VIÑEDO TIKAL NATURAL ~

tikal



MADE WITH LOVE

Ernesto Catena is the eldest son of Nicolás Catena, the owner and creator of the legendary Bodegas Catena Zapata. This is Ernesto's own project where he makes limited quantities of handmade wines from Mendoza's top subregions. Many of the vineyards have stunning Andes views and embody "just the right amount of craziness." Tikal is a brand made from biodynamically farmed grapes. The wines always show nice balance. Siesta en el Tahuán comes from Vistaflores vineyard in Valle de Uco, an exciting terroir that is also Demeter certified as biodynamic.

SIESTA EN EL TAHUANTINSUYU CABERNET FRANC MENDOZA EN EL TAHUANTINSUYU 2013

Aromas of dark berry with dried strawberry and spice character. Full body, silky tannins and a fresh finish. Tangy undertone. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.
TIKAL MENDOZA NATURAL 2013

This very intense with sea salt, blackberry and dried meat aromas and flavors. Full body, chewy and polished tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Stylish intense wine. A blend of malbec and syrah. Made from biodynamic grapes. Drink or hold.

94 Pts.


SOPHENIA

MIAMI



Finca
S O P H E N I A

Roberto Luka spent most of his career working for some of the great names of the Argentine wine industry, but in 1997 he decided to go out on his own and established Finca Sopenia. The winery and vineyards are located in Tupungato in one of the best sections of Gualtallary. This assures quality grapes from the high altitude and calcareous soils. Luka also enlists the services of Matias Michelini as a consulting enologist. Michelini make some of the most idiosyncratic wines in Mendoza. Combined, they are producing wines with character and style.

SOPHENIA MALBEC TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO RESERVA 2016

A firm and silky wine with lovely berry and light chocolate character. Raspberries and plums. Medium-bodied, clean and fresh. A beauty. Very subtle. Drink now.

93 Pts.

SOPHENIA MALBEC TUPUNGATO VALLE DE UCO SYNTHESIS 2014

A beautiful and balanced malbec with strawberries, raspberries and light citrus character on the nose and palate. Medium body. Bright finish. Subtle and sophisticated. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.



SOTTANO & VICENTIN

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VICENTIN
FAMILY WINES

Sottano-Vicentin is a relative newcomer to Argentina's Mendoza as the Vicentín family only made its first vintage in 2010; yet it set out to make a top-class malbec sourcing grapes from five single vineyards in key areas of Mendoza including Tupungato, Las Compuertas, Chacras de Coria, Vistalba and Agrelo. It first established its line of wines under the Vicentín label and a few years later bought Bodega Sottano. This is a serious new player in the Argentine wine business to follow.

SOTTANO MALBEC MENDOZA RESERVA DE FAMILIA 2015

Medium to full body, integrated tannins and a fresh finish. Tight and chewy yet polished. Lovely. Drink now.

92 Pts.

VICENTIN MENDOZA COLOSO 2014

A soft and silky wine with pretty fruit and spice character. Medium body. Hints of chocolate and dark fruit. A beauty. Drink now.

92 Pts.



SUSANA BALBO WINES

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SUSANA BALBO

W I N E S

You have to wonder what Argentina's wine world would be without the ever dynamic Susana Balbo. She was Argentina's first female winemaker after receiving a degree in enology in 1981 and working for a range of companies not only in Argentina but also in France, Italy, South Africa, Spain, Australia and California. Today, she is devoted to her own Mendoza winery called Dominio del Plata, which is state-of-the-art and also includes a popular small restaurant. Susana works with her daughter and son. Their wines across the board are outstanding quality, and anyone interested in great Argentine reds should try one.

SUSANA BALBO WINES CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE UCO SIGNATURE 2014

Beautiful dark fruit and raspberry character. Full body, velvety tannins and bright fruit. Pretty and drinkable. A pure and delicious wine. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.**SUSANA BALBO WINES TORRONTES VALLE DE UCO BARREL FERMENED SIGNATURE 2015**

A white with plenty of oyster shell and dried fruit character plus hints of new oak. Full body, bright limey acidity. Fantastic barrel fermented white. Screw cap. Drink now.

93 Pts.

TAPIZ

NEW YORK



T A P I Z

Tapiz is a relatively new winery located in the Maipú region of Mendoza. Its owners, Patricia and Jorge Ortiz, who were previously a doctor and a lawyer respectively, created it as one of the most technologically advanced wineries in the area. They have vineyards in Luján de Cuyo and Valle de Uco that deliver wines with diverse personality. In recent vintages, Pomerol's Jean-Claude Berrouet has been enlisted as a consultant, with more than 44 vintages under his belt as technical director at the legendary Pétrus estate. The result is that the wines of Tapiz exhibit a seductive textural element, as well as depth and an elegance that is unusual for malbecs from Mendoza. The just released Tapiz Las Notas de Jean Claude, a mostly merlot blend created by Berrouet, is a wine not to miss at the tasting.

TAPIZ MENDOZA LAS NOTAS DE JEAN CLAUDE 2012

This is really exciting new wine. Love the intensity and richness with lovely ripe fruit and lightly toasted oak character. Black olive and berry. Full body, firm and silky finish. 91% merlot with petit verdot, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon. Better in 2019.

95 Pts.
TAPIZ MALBEC MENDOZA ALTA COLLECTION 2015

Very floral and fruity with spice, walnut and perfume character. Medium to full body, refined, and polished. Lovely balanced and sophistication. Drink now.

94 Pts.


TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES

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TERRAZAS

de los Andes

This Louis-Vuitton Moët-Hennessy -owned estate finds its place among Argentina's best wineries thanks to a wide range of phenomenal vineyards in Mendoza, stretching from the Uco Valley in the south to Luján de Cuyo in the north. All the vineyards are areas carefully chosen according to each varietal, and the top wines are bottled individually. The winery's greatest treasure, however, is the 85-year-old plot of malbec vines in Las Compuertas, right where the Mendoza River first makes its way down from the Andes. The normal bottling of malbec is always deeply concentrated, fascinating and great value, as is the ever fresh and zesty chardonnay. Yet, it's the winery's single vineyard bottling that truly show its greatness. Terrazas is one of the most consistent-quality winemakers in Argentina.

**TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES MALBEC
LUJAN DE CUYO SINGLE VINEYARD LAS
COMPUERTAS 2013**

A red with amazing depth and finesse. Full to medium body plus ultra-fine tannins that give the wine incredible length and refinement. So much slate and stone character. Blue fruit too. Hints of black chocolate. September 2016 release. Drink or hold.

97 Pts.

**TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES CABERNET
SAUVIGNON LUJÁN DE CUYO SINGLE
VINEYARD LOS AROMOS 2013**

Focused and powerful with beautiful density and power. Full-bodied, dense and tight. It opens and goes long. Rich style. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.



TINTO NEGRO

MIAMI

TINTO NEGRO

Tinto Negro literally translates to “black taint” in reference to the dark, brooding color that malbec exhibits in Argentina. It is another project of the duo made up of American Jeff Mausbach and Argentine Alejandro Sejanovich. Both met while working at Catena, Jeff as a wine educator and Alejandro as a vineyard manager. In 2010 they left and started their own projects, which include Manos Negras, Teho and Toko. With Tinto Negro they aim to show that Mendoza, and its surrounding valleys, with their diverse altitudes, soils and microclimates, are the perfect place to showcase malbec’s capacity to communicate terroir. Their Tinto Negro Malbec Paraje Altamira La Escuela 2014 is specific vinification from a specific parcel in their Altamira vineyard. Try it out. All the wines show character and soul.

**TINTO NEGRO MALBEC PARAJE ALTAMIRA
FINCA LA ESCUELA 2014**

Complex and layered red with wet earth, plums and spice character. Full body, round and juicy texture. Long and flavored finish. Velvety and savory. Drink now.

94 Pts.
**TINTO NEGRO MALBEC MENDOZA
LIMESTONE BLOCK 2015**

This has a very dense and chalky character with crushed stones and cherry flavors. Medium-bodied, silky and long on the finish. Tight and bright. Drink now.

92 Pts.


TRAPICHE

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TRAPICHE

ARGENTINA

Trapiche is one of the oldest wineries in Argentina and has a global reputation for fine winemaking. Now owned by the Bemberg family, the beautiful winery in Maipú is among the most sophisticated in Mendoza, and makes a huge range of wines, from tiny-production, single-vineyard malbecs to large-production, amazing value wines. With vineyards in the best sites of the region, Trapiche also makes a series of single-vineyard malbecs, called the Terroir Series that pays tribute to the growers from which the estate sources fruit. All of these vineyards are in Valle de Uco, which is located in the southwest of Mendoza, and is one of the finest subregions. The altitude, low fertility and mineral content of the soils produce wines of incredible purity and mind-blowing minerality. They are always some of the best wines I taste each year from Argentina. And they remain relative excellent values in view of the quality of the wines.

TRAPICHE CHARDONNAY MENDOZA 2016

This is a very intense sliced apple and pear character with lemon undertones. Medium body, tight and fruity. Think Chablis. Bright and delicious. Drink now.

91 Pts.
TRAPICHE MALBEC GUALTALLARY VALLE DE UCO TERROIR SERIES FINCA AMBROSIA SINGLE VINEYARD 2013

This is a very linear and refined with a purity of fruit and stone character. Full body, and intense. Plenty of fruit but in a focused and serious way. Needs at least two to three years of bottle age.

95 Pts.


TRES14

NEW YORK

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Daniel Pi, chief winemaker at Trapiche and all of Peñaflores wineries also makes Tres14 and Imperfecto in his garage at his house in Chacras de Coria, Mendoza with his children Daniela and Gonzalo. Established in 2009, these wines see no machines, and all is hand crafted by father and kids.

TRES14 MALBEC MENDOZA TINTO DE GARAGE 2014

A fresh and clean wine with berry and floral character. Medium body with fine and silky tannins. Delicious finish. Drink now.

92 Pts.

TRES14 MALBEC MENDOZA IMPERFECTO 2014

This is a wine that challenges you with beautiful ripe fruit and intense acidity that draws you in and takes you for a beautiful ride. Full to medium body, yet dense and very long. A benchmark malbec in this vintage. Drink or hold.

96 Pts.



TRIVENTO

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TRIVENTO
ARGENTINA

Founded in 1996 and located in Mendoza, Trivento is the Argentine project of Chile's world famous winery Concha y Toro. The estate owes its name, which means "three winds," to the three different winds that blow across the plains of Mendoza. Trivento's wines are overseen by Enrique Tirado, who makes Don Melchor in Alto Maipo and who collaborates in producing the super wines of Almaviva. The estate releases some top-of-the-line malbecs. Its Eolo wine is a pure malbec made from a very special plot of a vineyard planted in 1912.

**TRIVENTO MALBEC LUJÁN DE CUYO
GOLDEN RESERVE 2015**

This is focused and very linear with bright dark berries and walnut shells as well as stone aromas that follow through to a full body and a tight and juicy finish. Drink now.

94 PTS.

**TRIVENTO MALBEC LUJAN DE CUYO EOLO
2013**

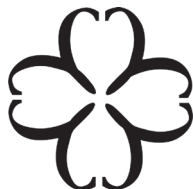
A bright and fruity red with blueberry and spice. Full and very intense with a wonderful length and beauty. Energetic and rich. Best ever? Drink now.

94 PTS.



VIÑA COBOS

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VIÑA COBOS

Paul Hobbs is best known for his winery and namesake in California and for good reason — he produces some of the most collectible wines in America such as the 2013 Beckstoffer To Kolan Vineyard, which I rated 100 points last year! But the American winemaker has been instrumental in securing Argentina's position as another New World contender producing world-class wine. Hobbs founded Viña Cobos in 1997, and his Marchiori Vineyard might just be the most desirable parcel of land in all of Argentina. Set in the Luján de Cuyo sub-region of Mendoza, it sits at an altitude of more than 3,000 feet and boasts 80-year-old vines that produce what recently has vied for the title of Argentina's greatest malbec. I scored the 2011 Cobos a perfect 100 points, and it was my Wine of the Year in 2014. Hobb's new label here isn't too shabby either at 99 points — a single-parcel malbec from a more southerly vineyard called Chañares in the Uco Valley, it shows a more linear tannic backbone and is exceptionally muscular and driven.

VIÑA COBOS MALBEC MENDOZA COBOS CHAÑARES VINEYARD 2014

A debut wine from the esteemed winemaker Paul Hobbs, whose family owns the vineyard. Aromas of dark fruit, wet earth, mushroom and stone follow through to full body, chewy tannins and an intense finish. This is a fantastic entry to the world of malbec. Organically farmed. This needs four or five years to soften. Watch this.

99 Pts.
VIÑA COBOS MALBEC LA CONSULTA VALLE DE UCO BRAMARE REBON VINEYARD 2014

This is a seamless wine with black cherry, chocolate, spice and walnut character. So long and polished at the finish. Full body, integrated and extremely focused. Polished and tight. Drink or hold.

94 Pts.


Chile's WINE REGIONS

REGIÓN DE ATACAMA

Valle de Copiapó

Valle de Huasco

REGIÓN DE COQUIMBO

Valle del Elqui

La Serena

Valle de Limarí

Valle de Choapa

REGIÓN DE ACONCAGUA

Valle de Aconcagua

Valparaíso

Santiago

Valle de Casablanca

Valle de San Antonio

Valle de Leyda

Rancagua

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Valle de Cachapoal

Valle de Colchagua

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Viña
Concha
y Toro

Almaviva

Almaviva is the name both of the winery and of the sole wine produced here. It's considered one of the greatest names in wine in Chile. There's much that sets apart this Valle de Maipo estate. A joint venture between Château Mouton Rothschild and Concha y Toro since 1997, Almaviva marries first-growth expertise and Chilean soils in a bottle of largely cabernet sauvignon. Indeed, the warm but moderate microclimate and well-drained, clay soils of the Puente Alto vineyard make this cabernet blend powerful, meaty, fresh and citrusy. The wines highlight structure and intensity to assure long aging, yet there's a Chilean friendliness that enables them to be drunk young. Don't miss tasting the winery's greatest wine ever: the 100-points 2015!

ALMAVIVA PUENTE ALTO VALLE DE MAIPO 2015

A glorious and complex nose of tobacco, blackberries and hints of stones and flowers. Hints of bitter chocolate. Full-bodied, very tight and compacted. Linear backbone gives this form and tension. It has the same character on the palate as well as cayenne and other spice. Loved the 2014 but this shows more fine-grained tannins. So balanced and harmonious. A blend of 69% cabernet sauvignon, 24% carmenere, 5% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot. Needs four or five years in bottle but a joy to taste now.

100 Pts.

ALMAVIVA PUENTE ALTO VALLE DE MAIPO 2014

A wine with wonderful blueberry, blackberry and hints of cedar and spice. Full body, dense and beautiful fruit. Chocolate, walnut and berry. It goes on for minutes. A fabulous wine. Better in 2020 but gorgeous now.

97 Pts.



ARESTI

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ARESTI

— PASION FAMILIAR —

Aresti produces outstanding cabernets in the Curicó region, about 250 kilometers from Santiago. Vicente Aresti founded the estate in the 1951 and to this day it remains family-owned and operated. While they focus on making wines in Curicó, they also make wines in Colchagua and a sauvignon blanc in the coastal Leyda Valley. Sustainability is a mantra here. Look for their cabernets; they are big and balanced examples of Chile's potential for the variety.

ARESTI VALLE DE COLCHAGUA TRISQUEL 2015

Aromas of blackberry and hints of spice. Full body, firm and silky tannins. Lovely finish. Complex and delicious. A blend of cabernet, syrah and petit verdot. Drink now.

93 Pts.**ARESTI CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE CURICÓ BELLAVISTA RESERVA 2016**

A pretty and juicy red with berry and cherry character. Hints of chocolate. Medium body, firm tannins and a long finish. Drink now or hold.

91 Pts.

BISQUERTT

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BISQUERTT

Family Vineyards

Bisquertt, founded in 1965 by Osvaldo Bisquertt, is one of the pioneering estates in Chile's Colchagua Valley. Today it remains in the family, and it is Bisquertt's children who are at the helm now. What makes Bisquertt unique is that it's located in the Marchigüe subregion in Colchagua. The valley, which stretches from the Andes to the Coast, is characterized by a Mediterranean climate that varies depending on the proximity to the Ocean or the mountain range. Bisquertt is located a few kilometers from the ocean, giving the wines more freshness and vivacity.

**BISQUERTT VALLE DE COLCHAGUA Q
CLAY MARCHIHUE 2013**

Aromas of flowers and dark fruits with hints of plums. Full body, linear and fine tannins and a pretty finish. Not the most structured blend but delivers lovely fruit and balance. A blend of syrah and cabernet sauvignon. Drink now.

92 Pts.
**BISQUERTT CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE
COLCHAGUA LA JOYA GRAN RESERVA
2016**

Aromas of sweet tobacco and hints of tile follow through to a full to medium body, firm and silky tannins and a clean finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.


CALYPTRA

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CALYPTRA
VINEYARDS & WINERY

Calyptra Vineyards was founded in 1989 by Chilean surgeon Jose Luis Zahri. After having obtained the land for recreational purposes, Zahri found out that the region had formerly been planted with vineyards and decided to start replanting what were previously the best areas. Calyptra is located in Cachapoal, which is about 100 kilometers south of Santiago, located between the Andes and the coastal mountain range. The unique microclimates include the presence of the Andes as well as the continental climate caused by the coastal mountain range. Calyptra sits in the pre-Andean range at an altitude of 1,000 meters above sea level and the wines here show opulence but have a balancing sense of freshness.

CALYPTRA SAUVIGNON BLANC VALLE DE CACHAPOAL GRAN RESERVA 2014

A juicy sauvignon with dried mango and apple character, medium body and a vivid finish. Like the acidity. Drink now. Screw cap.

90 Pts.

CALYPTRA CHARDONNAY VALLE DE CACHAPOAL GRAN RESERVA 2013

Full-throttle chardonnay with the full Burgundy treatment. Lots of dried apple and pineapple with lightly toasted oak. Full and flavorful. Beautiful finish. Drink now.

92 Pts.



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CARMEN

Established in 1850, Carmen was Chile's first wine producer, acquiring its name from founder Christian Lanz's beloved wife. A pioneer in the industry, it was Carmen that first discovered the carmenere grape among its vineyards, which would position the winery as a leading force behind the varietal in Chile. The estate's multiple vineyards were selected as ideal locations for each grape type planted. Also a leading producer of wine from organically grown grapes, Carmen releases these bottles under the brand Nativa. Today, the winery exports to more than 50 countries.

CARMEN CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE COLCHAGUA GRAN RESERVA 2014

Minty aromas with some lemon rind and some dark fruits. Juicy and straightforward. Drink now.

90 Pts.**CARMEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO GRAN RESERVA 2013**

A tangy and fresh cabernet with black currants, orange peel and hints of terra-cotta. Medium body, firm tannins and a fresh finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.

CASA SILVA

SAN FRANCISCO



TRADICIÓN DE FAMILIA DESDE 1892

The Chilean winemaking family of Silva can trace its roots back to a fellow family winemaker - Emilio Bouchon who was the first to arrive in Chile from St. Émilion, Bordeaux, in 1892. However, it wasn't until 1997 when Casa Silva was founded. The winery has a large range of bottlings coming from vineyards planted in the Colchagua Valley with four Estates as Los Lingues and Angostura at the foot hills of the Andes and Lolol and Paredones at the Coast, also a vineyard in the Austral Region, Osorno Valley by the Ranco Lake. All the wines are consistently outstanding quality and offer excellent value.

CASA SILVA CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE COLCHAGUA RESERA CUVÉE COLCHAGUA 2015

Pretty aromas of blackberries and flowers with hints of spices. Stones. Full-bodied, firm and silky. Beautiful finish. Drink now or hold.

93 Pts.

CASA SILVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE COLCHAGUA GRAN TERROIR DE LOS ANDES 2015

A juicy red with plum and berry character. Full and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.



CLOS APALTA

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Clos Apalta

Clos Apalta was founded in 1997 by Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle, who also owned Grand Marnier liqueur at the time. The estate is located in the Apalta subregion of Valle de Colchagua, one of the most important viticultural regions in Chile, at the southernmost tip of the Central Valley. Its dry, quasi-Mediterranean climate, together with the moderation provided by the Pacific Ocean, makes it perfect for winegrowing. Additionally, Clos Apalta's vineyards stand between two ridges that protect the vines from the aggressive morning and evening sunlight. Currently, it is the only estate in Chile under the guidance of consultant Michel Rolland from Bordeaux. Clos Apalta, the winery's carmenere-dominated flagship wine, is a wonderful example of the subtlety and depth that the grape can deliver. The property recently started making a second wine called Le Petit Clos. The 2014 Clos Apalta is the winery's greatest wine ever made. 100 points. Try it.

CLOS APALTA VALLE DE COLCHAGUA 2014

An extremely aromatic and focused Clos Apalta with blackberry, blueberry, floral and hot stone character. Full body, very linear and ultra-fine tannins. Focused and tight. Precise and long. This is the most polished and beautiful definition of this wine ever. You want to drink it now but better in 2020. A blend of carmenere, cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

100 Pts.
LE PETIT CLOS VALLE DE COLCHAGUA 2014

A tight and linear red with blackcurrant and blueberry character. Hints of iron and oyster shell. Medium to full body. Focused. Refined. The second wine of Clos Apalta. Beautiful now.

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CLOS DES FOUS

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CLOS FOUS

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Clos des Fous is a story about four old friends in the wine business. The team is made up of viticulturist Paco Leyton, winemaker Francois Massoc, terroir hunter Pedro Parra, and “bringer of wisdom” Albert Cussen. The name is French for “the walled vineyard of the fools.” The four ‘Clos des Fous’ released their first wine in 2010. Together they seek out small parcels of vineyards on unique terroir to reach the ultimate expression of place in their wines. It works!

**CLOS DES FOUS PINOT NOIR ACONCAGUA
COSTA PUCALÁN ARENARIA 2014**

Lovely sweet fruit and bright tea and lemon rind follow through to a medium body, fine tannins and a clean finish. Really pretty, balanced red. Drink now.

95 Pts.

**CLOS DES FOUS WINE OF CHILE
CAUQUENINA VIÑAS VIEJAS DE
CAUQUENES 2014**

Some berry and walnut character with hints of herb. Medium body, round tannins and a savory finish. Harmonious and cool. Drink now.

92 Pts.



CONCHA Y TORO

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CONCHA Y TORO
DESDE 1883

As one of the most iconic Chilean wines this is a beautifully dense, cabernet sauvignon-based Don Melchor from Concha y Toro, a wine named after the company's founder, who in 1883 became one of the first producers to bring Bordeaux varietals to Chile. The wine is produced in Puente Alto area near Santiago, the capital of Chile. It's the same vineyard used to make Almaviva, which is jointly owned by Concha y Toro and Bordeaux first growth Château Mouton-Rothschild. Concha y Toro is known both for its top quality wines for value as well as its great, single-vineyard bottles.

**CONCHA Y TORO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
PUENTE ALTO DON MELCHOR 2014**

Wonderful aromas of stones, mint and blackcurrants. Sweet tobacco. Tile and rust. So aromatic. This is the best Don Melchor I have ever tasted. Full body, very soft yet firm and silky. It has tension, intensity and balance. Drink or hold.

98 Pts.

**CONCHA Y TORO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE MAIPO MARQUÉS DE CASA
CONCHA 2015**

Aromas of currants, sweet tobacco and hints of cedar. Medium to full body, dense and spicy. Shows intense tannins yet the pretty fruit and freshness keeps it all together. Drink in 2019

92 Pts.



CONO SUR

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VINEYARDS & WINERY

Founded in 1993, Cono Sur's name reflects the winery's location in South America's Southern Cone, which collectively includes Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. The estate uses technology creatively while respecting the environment; in fact, Cono Sur is so focused its carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions that it's the first winery in the Americas and third in the world to be ISO 14064-1 certified. Paving the way in other respects, the estate was the first in South America to use synthetic corks, and the first to produce and export viognier from Chile after planting the varietal in 1997. However, Cono Sur is best known for its pinot noirs and it continues to make outstanding ones every year in particular its limited edition bottlings.

CONO SUR PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA OCIO 2014

A dense and fruity red with dark berry, toasted oak and coffee character. Full, chewy and juicy. More fruit-forward, coffee profile. Drink now.

91 Pts.

CONO SUR PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA 20 BARRELS LIMITED EDITION EL TRIANGULO ESTATE 2015

A red with plum and dried berry character, medium body and fresh and firm tannins. Bright finish. Pretty balance and tension to this. Drink now.

93 Pts.



CREMASCHI FURLOTTI

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Cremaschi Furlotti

Chile's Cremaschi Furlotti family has a long winemaking history which originated in both sides of the Andes. Their great-grandfather first emigrated from Italy to establish a winery in Argentina called Furlotti Vineyard. Yet it was in Chile where the family made its name for quality winemaking at the Cremaschi Furlotti Winery located in Loncomilla in the Maule Valley. Many of the top wines come from their Peñasco Vineyards such as the chardonnay at today's tasting. However, I also like wines made with head pruned vines of the region such as carignan.

**CREMASCHI FURLOTTI CHARDONNAY
VALLE DE LONCOMILLA PEÑASCO
VINEYARD SINGLE VINEYARD 2016**

A fresh and fruity wine with sliced apple, stone and cooked pear. Medium body and a clean and crisp finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.

**CREMASCHI FURLOTTI CARIGNAN VALLE
DE MAULE EDICIÓN LIMITADA 2014**

Aromas of berry and spice with hints of chocolate. Medium to full body and soft and round tannins. Juicy finish. Drink now.

92 Pts.



EMILIANA

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EMILIANA

ORGANIC  VINEYARDS

Emiliana began as Viña Santa Emiliana in 1986 with the selection of the best valleys for each varietal. But in 1998, Rafael and José Guilisasti whose family own Concha y Toro saw the market changing with consumers becoming more environmentally aware. So Emiliana was launched, and a conventional Chilean winery was converted into an organic and biodynamic one with a progressive culture that cares for workers and the community. The winery has concentrated on investing in its own land to ensure that all wines are made from the best and most environmentally sustainable vineyards in Chile. The results are amazing and produce soulful reds and whites. Emiliana remains a tribute to José, who died in late 2014 and was one of the shining lights of the Chilean wine industry.

EMILIANA VALLE DE COLCHAGUA COYAM 2014

This is a leaner and fresh Coyam with stone, dark berry and hints of currant leaf. Medium to full body, pretty fruit and an intense finish. A blend of syrah, carmenere, cabernet sauvignon, mourvedre, malbec and petit verdot. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.

94 PTS.

EMILIANA VALLE DE COLCHAGUA LOS ROBLES ESTATE GE 2013

Pretty spice and berry aromas with hints of orange peel. Medium to full body, firm tannins and a silky finish. Solid and fruity. Drink now.

94 PTS.



GRANDES VINOS DE SAN PEDRO

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If any winery in Chile can make excellent wines, San Pedro would be one of them. As part of the large VSPT group, it has more than a 1,000 hectares of vineyards to source from. The results are single varietal and blends that offer wonderful drinking for the money. San Pedro's history dates all the way back to 1865, when brothers Bonifacio and José Gregorio Correa Albano began making wine with local grape varieties in Chile's Valle de Curicó. But San Pedro's current history is clearly the winery's best moment.

**SAN PEDRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE CACHAPOAL CABO DE HORNOS
2014**

A very pretty and refined wine with sweet tobacco and ripe currant. Hints of stones. Medium to full body, fine tannins. Lovely finish. Delicious. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.

**SAN PEDRO VALLE DE CACHAPOAL
SIDERAL 2015**

A pretty and juicy wine with delicious fruit and balanced earthiness. Medium to full body, fine and silky tannins and a fresh finish. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, syrah, petit verdot and cabernet franc. Drink now and enjoy.

92 Pts.



HACIENDA ARAUCANO

MIAMI



HACIENDA
Araucano
 NATURAL STYLE
 FRANÇOIS LURTON

Brothers Jacques and François Lurton come from a family of winemakers that has produced wine in Bordeaux since 1897, so it's no wonder they set out to travel the world in search of regions with the best grape-growing potential. After founding projects in France, Argentina, Chile, Spain and Portugal, they created Hacienda Araucano in 1997, with François becoming the major shareholder 10 years later. Located high in Valle de Lolol, the estate is graced with dry, hot days and cool, foggy nights – ideal for the production of wine – and is a “dreamland” according to the Lurton brothers. In 2000, Hacienda Araucano was expanded with the purchase of land in Valle de Colchagua that is particularly suitable for carmenere and cabernet. Adhering to biodynamic grape growing practices, the winery focuses not on quantity but on quality, and above all integrating creativity into the overall product.

HACIENDA ARAUCANO VALLE DE COLCHAGUA FRANCOIS LURTON CLOS DE LOLOL 2013

A silky and delicious red with black currant, spice and berry character. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a delicious finish. Decadent. Raspberry. Biodynamic. A blend of carmenere, syrah, cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot.

92 Pts.

HACIENDA ARAUCANO CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE LOLOL GRAN ARAUCANO 2014

This shows such finesse and beauty with licorice and black currant. Medium to full body, ultra-fine tannins and a gorgeous finish. Drink now or hold.

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LAPOSTOLLE

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FRENCH IN ESSENCE, CHILEAN BY BIRTH

Lapostolle is one of the most dynamic and famous producers of wines in Chile. Founded in 1994 in the Apalta Valley, this family business was created by Frenchwoman Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet, members of the family who have been recognized for wine and liqueur production for generations all over the world. This vineyard has an organic and biodynamic management and produces a wide range of wines. Its Cuvée Alexander is probably Chile's best value for money. Today it is Charles de Bournet Marnier-Lapostolle, the seventh generation of the family, who holds the reins of the winery. Together with him is Andrea León, the technical director and winemaker, under the advice of famous winemaker Michel Rolland, who is personally involved in all the production of the premium and icon wines. The winery also produces a spectacular single-estate wine called Clos Apalta, which is located on a separate table at the tasting. Its 2014 is a 100-point wine.

LAPOSTOLLE VALLE DE COLCHAGUA RED BLEND 2014

Blueberry, blackberry and black olive aromas follow through to a medium body, light tannins and a fresh finish. Made from biodynamically grown grapes. Drink now.

92 Pts.**LAPOSTOLLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE COLCHAGUA VIÑEDO APALTA CUVÉE ALEXANDRE 2014**

Wonderful aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant and hot stones. Full-bodied, chewy and intense with great depth and intensity. Muscular tannins. From biodynamically grown grapes. Best ever? Old vine magic. Needs three to four years to soften.

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MIGUEL TORRES

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**MIGUEL TORRES**

Pioneer in Chile since 1979

*Chile***ORGANIC VITICULTURE & FAIR TRADE WINES**

100% FAMILY OWNED WINERY

Miguel Torres is one of the most famous wine families in Spain, and it was also the first foreign company to make wine in Chile. In 1973, Miguel Torres came to Chile and revolutionized the industry with the introduction of stainless-steel vats and French-oak barrels. The estate is located 125 miles south of Santiago in the Valle de Curicó, but throughout the years has acquired vineyards all over of Chile, from the northernmost Valle de Limarí to the southern Valle de Malleco. The winery is deeply dedicated to quality and puts an emphasis on social responsibility and sustainable agriculture. Miguel Torres has consolidated itself as one of the top producers of Chile, making diverse wines that range from old-vine carignan to high-altitude chardonnay. Try the 2010 Manso de Velasco, a delicious cabernet made from ancient vines in Valle Central.

**MIGUEL TORRES CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE CURICÓ MANSO DE VELASCO
2013**

Some berry and chocolate character with hints of stems. Medium body, juicy fruit and a flavorful finish. Drink now.

90 Pts.
**MIGUEL TORRES PINOT NOIR
EMPEDRADO ESCALERA DE EMPEDRADO
2013**

Very attractive dried red fruit with stone character follows through to a medium body and a tight and dense center palate. Flavorful finish. Pretty, solid pinot. Drink now.

92 Pts.

MONTES

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MONTES®

PRIDE IN WINEMAKING

Montes set a benchmark for South American premium wine production in 1988, when four close friends decided to do what was, at the time, almost unheard of: export high-priced, high-quality wine from Chile. Today, the winery sells almost all of its production abroad, continuing to make the impossible possible, above all in its Apalta vineyard within the Colchagua Valley. It's here that Montes Alpha M became one of the first Super Chileans, and I count it among the country's best Bordeaux blends (the 2014 in this year's tasting scored 98 points!). Many Chileans thought it was mad to plant the then relatively unknown syrah grape in that location, and so when the single-vineyard bottling came out in 2000, Montes named it Folly. It's arguably the best pure syrah in Chile. Perhaps most impressive of all, though, is their Purple Angel. Almost entirely made from carmenere, it represents a triumphant resurrection for a varietal that has all but died out in Bordeaux. It may be the best carmenere in the world—and this year the 2014 Purple Angel achieved its highest score yet: 98 points. It's the No. 10 wine in Top 100 Wines of the Andes in 2017.

MONTES VALLE DE COLCHAGUA ALPHA M 2014

The greatest Montes ever made. It continues the legend of the great 2014 vintage. Full-bodied, compacted and powerful. Tight and chewy. It starts slowly and then builds. Superb. Drink in 2022 but already a joy to taste.

98 Pts.

MONTES CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE COLCHAGUA PURPLE ANGEL 2014

This has a perfect nose of blackberry, tar, black pepper, thyme, cloves and rose petal. Full body and firm and very silky and polished tannins. The finish goes on for minutes. Best ever. Great class. 92% carmenere and 8% petit verdot. Drink in 2019 but so gorgeous now.

98 Pts.



ODFJELL

SAN FRANCISCO



ODFJELL

Odfjell is the culmination of the dream of Norwegian-born shipbuilder Dan Odfjell. Choosing the historic, central Valle de Maipo as his pivotal starting point, Dan started the winery more than 25 years ago and its first vines were planted in 1992. Today, the estate owns vineyards all over Chile, from Casablanca to Valle del Maule, passing through Colchagua and Curicó. Odfjell is also one of the first producers to focus on Chile's old-vines in the Valle del Maule. His wines are soulful and full of personality.

ODFJELL VALLE DE LONTUE ALIARA 2012

Ripe style with dried dark fruits and spices. Full body, velvety tannins and a fresh finish. Stylish red. Drink now. From organic grapes.

93 Pts.**ODFJELL CARMÉNÈRE VALLE CENTRAL ARMADOR ESTATE SELECTION 2015**

A purity and beauty to this dark and rich carmenere. Full body, layered with ripe tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Gorgeous. Top quality. Drink now.

94 Pts.

RITUAL

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RITUAL

Ritual's name pays tribute to the art of winemaking and farming. Located in coastal Valle de Casablanca, the estate's vineyards are just southwest of Santiago, only 20 miles away from the Pacific Ocean. The moderating effect of the morning fog and afternoon breeze caused by the ocean's proximity is key in the production of Ritual's wines. The estate focuses on pinot noir and sauvignon blanc, which need cooler temperatures in order to make wines that transmit a sense of place. The pinots here have a remarkable clarity and beautiful, bright fruit reminiscent of great pinots from California's Sonoma, while the sauvignons are derived from the careful selection of only the best fruit from the best blocks of the estate. The estate uses biodynamic viticulture. It makes some of the most exciting wines in Chile.

RITUAL CHARDONNAY VALLE DE CASABLANCA SUPERTUGA BLOCK 2016

This is a phenomenal chardonnay with light bread dough, cooked apple and pear aromas. Full-bodied, seamless white with white earth and subtle ripe apple and pineapple. Fantastic length and beauty. 500 cases made. Screw cap. Drink now.

97 Pts.**RITUAL PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA 2016**

This is a high-toned and focused red with strawberry, lemon and cherry aromas and flavors. Medium to full body, vivid fruit and a long and flavorful finish. Screw cap. Drink now or hold.

93 Pts.

SANTA CAROLINA

NEW YORK



SANTA CAROLINA

CHILE 1875

The story of Santa Carolina goes back more than 140 years. The winery's cabernet even received a gold medal in Paris during the Exposition Universelle in 1889. The original winery, which is still in operation, was declared a national historic monument in 1973. Today, it continues to have a strong presence throughout the world. This historic estate makes wine in all the major winegrowing regions of the country from the coastal Valle de Casablanca to the warm and historic Maule. Santa Carolina aims to make precise yet drinkable wines in each of the various microclimates - and it does to our taste.

**SANTA CAROLINA VALLE DE CACHAPOAL
Vsc 2012**

Blackberry, spice and licorice aromas follow through to a full body, chewy and polished tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.
**SANTA CAROLINA CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE MAIPO RESERVA DE FAMILIA
2015**

Tight and juicy with blackberry and bitter chocolate character. Medium body, tight tannins and a savory finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.


SANTA EMA

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Santa Ema makes elegant and well-crafted, Bordeaux-inspired reds in Valle de Maipo near Santiago. Founded in 1937 by the Piedmontese Pavone family, it originally sold its grapes to other major estates in Chile before bottling and making its own wine in the mid-1950s. Today, Santa Ema not only has a state-of-the-art winery, but also owns vineyards in diverse Chilean appellations such as Casablanca, Cachapoal and Leyda. With almost a century of experience, the family's expertise in the region can be seen in their wines, resulting in great value, approachable but serious cabernet sauvignons that you shouldn't miss. Santa Ema is one of the few estates that, while producing millions of bottles, has been able to maintain the balance between quality and quantity.

SANTA EMA ALTO MAIPO CATALINA 2014

I like the fresh herb, flower and blackberry aromas that follow through to a full body, soft and juicy tannins and a delicious finish. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, carmenere and cabernet franc. Drink now.

92 Pts.

SANTA EMA CHARDONNAY VALLE DE LEYDA RESERVA 2016

Some cooked apple with vanilla and lightly toasted almond character. Full-bodied, round and flavorful. Tangy finish. Generous chardonnay. Drink or hold.

92 Pts.



SANTA RITA

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Santa Rita®

Located two hours south of Santiago, Santa Rita owns vineyards in the most important Chilean appellations, such as Apalta in Colchagua, Valle de Leyda, Valle de Maipo and Curicó. The winery was founded in 1880 and is one of Chile's historic estates and among the first to plant French varietals in the country. With access to the different terroirs of Chile, Santa Rita has an extensive portfolio that ranges from cabernet sauvignon grown in the Maipo region to pinot noir from the cooler Casablanca region. The estate's Casa Real is one of Chile's best cabernet sauvignons, and is sourced from a single vineyard in Alto Jahuel in the Alto Maipo. We appreciate the balance and structure of the Casa Real, which enables it to age very well.

SANTA RITA PINOT NOIR VALLE CENTRAL SECRET RESERVE 2016

Layered and very pretty with very fine tannins and ripe strawberry and lightly toasted oak. Medium to full body. Pretty finish. Gorgeous. Drink now.

93 Pts.**SANTA RITA CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO MEDALLA REAL GRAN RESERVA 2013**

Aromas and flavors of dark fruit, mint and toasted oak. A little too much new wood. But the palate is compelling with a pretty depth of fruit and intensity. Better in 2019.

92 Pts.

SEÑA

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Seña is a unique Bordeaux blend made in from biodynamically grown grapes in the region of Valle de Aconcagua. Originally founded by Eduardo Chadwick in cooperation with the late American wine icon Robert Mondavi, since 2005 the project has belonged entirely to Chadwick, who also heads Viñedo Chadwick and Viña Errázuriz. The 104-acre mountain vineyard - planted with blocks of cabernet sauvignon, carmenere, merlot, malbec, cabernet franc and petit verdot - is amazing to visit with vineyards planted mostly on steep slopes overlooking the Andes. Seña is now one of Chile's top icon wines and traded around the world like Bordeaux's first growths. The 2013 and 2014 were nearly perfect wines. The 2015 has secured Sena's position as one of Chile's greatest producers with a perfect 100-point score.

SEÑA VALLE DE ACONCAGUA 2015

Stunning aromas of blackcurrant, stone, blueberry and licorice. Also iodine. Floral. Perfumed. Full body, fantastic density of fruit and ripe tannins. It goes on for minutes on the palate with such energy and focus. Touch of chewiness on the finish. A complex and complete wine that delivers a generosity with firmness. Drink in 2021 but already a classic to drink.

100 Pts.**SEÑA VALLE DE ACONCAGUA 2011**

Extremely clear and complex with dark berry, spearmint and flowers. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a long, long finish. The tannin quality in this is exceptional. Tight and beautiful. Drink or hold. Made from biodynamically grown grapes. 58% cabernet sauvignon, 15% carmenere, 15% merlot, 7% petit verdot and 5% cabernet franc. 22 months in 75% new French oak.

95 Pts.

TERRAMATER

SAN FRANCISCO



TERRAMATER

VIDA QUE DA VIDA

This winery was founded in 1996 by the three Canepa sisters--Gilda, Edda and Antonieta--whose background in wine dates back to the 1930s. The name TerraMater means "Mother Earth" in Latin and the winery seeks to combine innovation with respect for its terroir. The winery is located in the Maipo and Curico Valleys, the vineyards range in age up to seventy years old and produce some of Chile's great wines as well as the winery's own olive oil.

TERRAMATER CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE CURICÓ MAGNA LIMITED RESERVE 2015

Ripe fruit with walnut and dark chocolate character. Full body, juicy fruit and a flavorful finish. Drink now.

90 Pts.

TERRAMATER CABERNET SAUVIGNON ISLA DE MAIPO MAGNA 2015

Aromas of sweet tobacco and dark fruit with medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Drink now.

91 Pts.



VALLE SECRETO

SAN FRANCISCO



Viña Valle Secreto is a boutique winery owned by three families—the Berndt, Punti and Samales—and is located in Alto Cachapoal, south of Santiago. Founded in 2007 and on the property of the 19th century church, there are 35 hectares in production currently. Alejandra Vallejo is the winemaker at the estate where three lines of wines are bottled: First Edition, Private and Profundo, the latter is their icon wine, which is a unique blend of five varietals.

VALLE SECRETO VALLE DE CACHAPOAL PROFUNDO 2013

Fruit-forward red with lots going on from dried dark fruits to hints of cedar and vanilla. Full body, flavorful finish. A little convoluted but shows intensity. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, syrah, malbec, petit verdot and carmenere. Try in 2019.

92 Pts.

VALLE SECRETO ALTO CACHAPOAL PRIVATE 2013

This is a high-toned and rich blend of syrah, cabernet sauvignon and carmenere. Lots of wood but shows energy and tension. Needs a year or two to calm down. I like it. Drink or hold.

91 Pts.



VENTISQUERO

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VENTISQUERO

Challenging Spirit

Viña Ventisquero was founded in 1998 and it owns vineyards in Chile's top winegrowing regions, such as Colchagua, Maipo, Casablanca, and Leyda. Ventisquero did extensive research mapping out their vineyards in order to plant each variety in the right soil, seeking out precision and character in their wines. Ventisquero's Vertice is a blend of carmenere and syrah from the two finest blocks in their Apalta vineyard – Valle de Colchagua's most prestigious subregion. Enclave, presented tonight as well, is the estate's reinterpretation of Bordeaux elegance and sophistication in Maipo's terroir.

**VENTISQUERO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE MAIPO ENCLAVE 2013**

A firm and silky wine with currant and hints of vanilla on the nose and palate. Medium body and a clean finish. Needs a year or two to soften. Always outstanding.

91 Pts.

**VENTISQUERO SYRAH VALLE DE
COLCHAGUA PANGEA APALTA VINEYARD
2013**

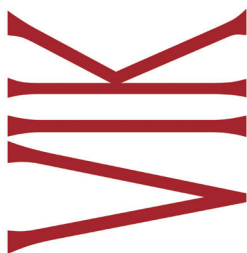
Some meat and berry character with hints of stones. Full body, round tannins and a flavorful finish. Easy. Drink now.

91 Pts.



VIK

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**MILLAHUE
CHILE**

Founded in 2006 by the Norwegian entrepreneur Alexander Vik, this impressive futuristic winery was designed by architect Smiljan Radic and includes a super-modern luxury hotel and restaurant. Wine production is under the supervision of Patrick Valette, whose family owned famous Bordeaux estates of Pavie and Pavie Decesse until the last 1990s. Everything is located in the magnificent Valle de Colchagua, in Millahue. The winery approaches winemaking with a holistic vision with a vineyard to bottle philosophy that shows through in every bottle. The top wine – Vik – is made with cabernet sauvignon, carmenere, syrah, merlot and cabernet franc. This is an icon wine in the making.

VIK VALLE DE COLCHAGUA VIK 2012

So fragrant and enticing with violet, lilac and rose aromas. Currant and blueberry. Full body firm, silky tannins and a long and flavorful finish. Focused and balanced. Vibrant acidity. Lots of blackberry and blueberry character. Why wait?

95 Pts.
VIK VALLE DE COLCHAGUA MILLA CALA 2012

The aromas are full of ripe and dried fruit and leather with hints of olives and blackberries. Full body, round and velvety tannins. Dense and rich with lots of fruit and a chewy finish. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, carmenere and cabernet franc, merlot and syrah. Very pretty now but better in 2018.

91 Pts.


VIÑA CASABLANCA

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THE WINERY OF THE VALLEY



Viña Casablanca was founded in 1991 by Carolina Wine Brands, holding one of Chile's premier wine producers. In 2011 it became a joint-venture with Domaine Laroche from Chablis, France. The winery is located in the Casablanca valley where Viña Casablanca owns 83 hectares of vineyards. The wines show a precision and finesse that underlines what makes Chile great in winemaking. We look forward to tasting more of their wines in the future.

VIÑA CASABLANCA VALLE DE CASABLANCA NEBLUS 2014

Lots of berry, fresh herb and tea leaf character. Medium body, firm tannins and a flavorful finish. Straightforward. Drink now.

90 Pts.

VIÑA CASABLANCA PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA NIMBUS SINGLE VINEYARD 2015

A polished and layered pinot with strawberry and cedar character. Floral undertones. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a fresh finish. Drink now.

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VIÑA EL PRINCIPAL

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MAIPO ANDES - CHILE

El Principal, which literally translates to the “The Main One,” owes its name to an ancient local Picunche chief, part of a civilization native to Chile. In 1992, the previous owner of Saint Émilion’s Chateau Pavie and Jorge Fonataine joined forces and founded El Principal. Their goal was to combine the Bordeaux know-how with Alto Maipo’s unique terroir to make an exceptional cabernet. Today, it’s in the hands of German entrepreneur Jochen Döhe. The estate is located in Alto Maipo, right at the foothills of the Andes. The cooling effect of the Andes combined with the region’s warm climate makes wonderful and precise cabernet. El Principal aims to make detailed and structured wines that reflect the land, but also include the elegance inherent to meticulous winemaking. Try El Principal Valle de Maipo Memorias 2013.

**VIÑA EL PRINCIPAL VALLE DE MAIPO Y
PIRQUE ANDELMO 2014**

Aromas of blackberry and blueberry follow through to a full body, silky tannins and a coffee, berry and chocolate character. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot and cabernet franc. Delicious already. Drink now.

91 Pts.
**VIÑA EL PRINCIPAL VALLE DE MAIPO Y
PIRQUE MEMORIAS 2014**

Aromas of currant, blackberry and chocolate follow through a medium body, firm and silky tannins and a delicious finish. A blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, petit verdot and syrah. Drink now.

90 Pts.


ERRÁZURIZ

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ERRAZURIZ



VINOS DE FAMILIA DESDE 1870

Producing some of the best Chilean wines for more than 140 years, Viña Errázuriz was founded by Don Maximiano Errázuriz in 1870 in the Valle de Aconcagua. It's a perfect valley for growing grapes thanks to dry, hot summers and rainy, cool winters accompanied by moist ocean breezes. The finest clones from France were used to plant the vineyards. Now Eduardo Chadwick, a descendant of Don Maximiano and the fifth generation of his family to be involved in wine, is president of the estate. Having built a reputation as one of the best of Chile, Errázuriz creates wines of superior quality with elegance and complexity. Chadwick also makes the great wines of his single-estate Señá.

**ERRÁZURIZ VALLE DE ACONCAGUA DON
MAXIMIANO FOUNDER'S RESERVE 2014**

Very cool black currant and blackberry aromas with hints of flowers. Full body, pretty integrated tannins and a bright and fruity finish. Hints of walnuts and berries on the finish. Chocolate undertone. A blend of 68% cabernet sauvignon, 18% carmenere, 9% malbec and 5% petit verdot. Better in 2020.

96 Pts.
**ERRÁZURIZ CHARDONNAY VALLE DE
ACONCAGUA MAX RESERVA 2016**

A tangy and delicious white with cooked apple, lemon rind and orange zest character. Medium body, bright finish. Very pretty wine. Always a vivid chardonnay. Screw cap. Drink now.

91 Pts.


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LEYDA

Leyda is so called after the coastal valley of the same name, the Leyda Valley, which can be found just south of Casablanca; it was the first estate to plant grapes in the region. With more than 230 hectares of vineyards, this is a winery that focuses on cool-climate varieties such as pinot noir, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, riesling and also syrah. It's under the umbrella of the VSPT group, which is also the second largest wine exporter in Chile. Marked by cool morning mists and the moderating influence of the ocean, the wines here are more subdued but maintain a sense of restrained intensity that marks the typicity of the region. These are excellent value, balanced wines. Look no further than the Leyda Pinot Noir Valle De Leyda Lot 21 2015, on pour at this tasting. Enjoy all the fresh, crunchy black fruit Chilean pinot can offer!

LEYDA PINOT NOIR VALLE DE LEYDA SINGLE VINEYARD LAS BRISAS 2015

A tangy and fresh pinot with strawberry and lemon peel aromas and flavors. Medium to light body, fresh acidity and a creamy, clean texture. Screw cap. Drink now.

90 Pts.

LEYDA PINOT NOIR VALLE DE LEYDA LOT 21 2015

Aromas of blueberry, hints of rose petal and leaf follow through to a medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Tangy and bright. Drink now.

92 Pts.



VIÑA MAIPO

MIAMI


 VIÑA MAIPO

With a large range of wines and price tags, Viña Maipo achieves what few can hope for: to make exceptional wines at every level. Located in the Maipo Valley, as the name suggests, the winery was bought by Concha y Toro in 1968 and has gone from strength to strength. While they still produce fabulous entry-level wines, specially cabernet and carmenere, nowadays they find their real strength in premium syrah. For Viña de Maipo, it's all about proving world-class wines can be made from the often overlooked variety in Chile. Their Alto Tamar is a testament to that: Dense but brightly fruited, it shows evidence of meticulous selection in the three best blocks of their Quinta de Maipo vineyard.

VIÑA MAIPO BUIN VALLE DE MAIPO ALTO TAJAMAR 2011

Aromatic with light meat, dark fruit and hints of chocolate and nuts. Full body, soft tannins and a fresh finish. So beautiful now with some bottle bouquet from aging. Drink now.

93 Pts.**VIÑA MAIPO CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO PROTEGIDO 2014**

This is a fascinating wine with tobacco, currants and green olive character on the nose and palate. Medium to full body and firm and silky tannins. Shows a little more on the mid-palate. Complex. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.

MORANDÉ

SAN FRANCISCO

M O R A N D É

Pablo Morandé, previously the winemaker for Concha y Toro, had already made such wines as Don Melchor, Chile's first icon wine, when he decided to create his own eponymous label. Being an adventurer, Pablo founded his winery in the more temperate region of Casablanca Valley, then uncharted territory for wine production. It was a huge success, putting Chile on the map for white wine production. Pablo's next project is clearly to find the ultimate level of freshness and refinement in his reds, and he's not shy of experimenting. You only have to consider his cleverly named El Gran Petit, an oddball that's actually a delicious blend of petite sirah and petit verdot from the Cachapoal Valley south of Santiago. Pablo also makes wine within the Maule Valley in the south of Chile from dry-farmed old vineyards. His Morandé País Valle De Maule Reserva 2016 shows that exciting, juicy wines can be made from the often forgotten grape of pais.

MORANDÉ ADVENTURE VALLE DE CACHAPOAL EL GRAN PETIT 2016

Very pretty red that is a strange blend of petite sirah and petit verdot. Medium-to full-bodied, linear and refined. Lovely finish. Intriguing. Drink now or hold.

93 Pts.**MORANDÉ PAÍS VALLE DE MAULE RESERVA 2016**

Love the vivid fruit with dried strawberry and citrus rind character. Medium body, vivid tannins and a fresh finish. So fun. Drink now.

92 Pts.

PÉREZ CRUZ

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V I Ñ A



Pérez Cruz

It's surprising how many different wines the Perez Cruz family makes at its family-owned winery in the Valle de Maipo at the foothills of the Andes near the capital of Chile. Everything is produced from its estate-grown vineyards which encompass 250 hectares in total. The modern winery focuses on low-intervention techniques such as gravity feeds for moving wine around the fermentation and aging rooms as well as soft pump-overs during macerations. In the end, the wines of Pérez Cruz show the lovely finesse and fine drinkability that we are looking for from wines of Chile.

**PÉREZ CRUZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE MAIPO PIRCAS DE LIGUAI
SINGLE COLLECTION 2013**

Aromas of blackcurrants, burnt orange and berry character. Medium to full body, velvety tannins and a savory finish. Drink now. Character here.

92 Pts.

**PÉREZ CRUZ CARMÈNÈRE VALLE DE
MAIPO LIMITED EDITION 2015**

Rose petal and dark fruit with hints of cedar on the nose. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Yet reserved and refined. Consistently outstanding. Drink now.

91 Pts.



VIÑA SAN PEDRO

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SAN PEDRO

— EST. 1865 —

San Pedro is one of the biggest names in wine in Chile and makes dozens of different labels yet some of our favorite wines are under the 1855 Limited Edition and Single Vineyard monikers – particularly syrahs. The large winery is part of the vast Chilean wine group of VPST; so it has a hundreds of hectares of great vineyards at its disposal and the best in viticulture and winemaking equipment and technique. The results are wines that show the precision and focus similar to some of the best areas of France, particularly for San Pedro's syrahs, which are dead ringers for reds from the Northern Rhone.

**SAN PEDRO CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VALLE DE MAIPO 1865 SINGLE VINEYARD
2015**

Sweet tobacco with hints of cedar, plum and herb character. Medium body, firm and silky tannins and a fresh finish. Real cab. Drink now.

91 Pts.**SAN PEDRO SYRAH VALLE DEL ELQUI
1865 LIMITED EDITION 2014**

A very classic syrah with a Hermitage clarity and firmness. Full-bodied, yet linear and focused. Long and beautiful. I always love this wine. Drink now.

95 Pts.

VIÑA TARAPACÁ

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 VIÑA
TARAPACÁ

DESDE 1874

Viña Tarapacá is another estate owned by the prestigious VSPT winery conglomerate, which is also the second largest fine wine exporter in Chile. This particular property dates back to the late 1800s. In fact, one of its wines won a medal at the 1876 Centennial International Exhibition in the United States! Tarapacá today focuses mainly on making wines in Valle de Maipo where cabernet and carmenere are kings, but it also produces compelling examples of syrah for the region. The management team at Viña Tarapacá seem to understand that careful vineyard management is the sine qua non of wine production, and the wines show this hands-on quality. Try their minerally syrah-blended red presented at the tasting and see the quality for yourself.

VIÑA TARAPACA VALLE DE MAIPO RED BLEND ORGANIC WINE 2014

Dried dark berry and mineral character. Granite undertones. Full body, tight and chewy with a vibrant and fruity finish. Love this blend. Organic too. Drink now.

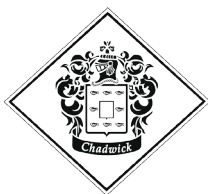
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VIÑA TARAPACÁ CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO GRAN RESERVA 2015

Blackberry, blueberry and flower aromas follow through to a full body, layered fruit and silky tannins. Very pretty wine. Solid as always. Drink or hold.

93 PTS.

VIÑEDO CHADWICK

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Viñedo
CHADWICK

Viñedo Chadwick is now clearly one of the great small single vineyard wines of the Andes and produced in the southeast suburbs of the capital of Chile, Santiago. Last year, we rated the 2014 a perfect 100 points and it was our No. 2 Wine of the Year. This year we rated the 2015 99 points. The pure cabernet sauvignon shows all the finesse and structure of the best of the world no matter if it originates from Bordeaux or Napa Valley. It's amusing to think that the vineyards of Viñedo Chadwick are planted in a converted polo field. So as much as vineyard owner Eduardo Chadwick may love polo, it's obvious his passion for winemaking takes precedence. And wine lovers should be glad for that!

VIÑEDO CHADWICK CABERNET SAUVIGNON VALLE DE MAIPO 2015

Very deep and primary fruit character to this red gives the wine amazing length and focus. It seems to go on forever. Full body yet vivid and energetic. Tannic and muscular yet so polished and refined. Drink now. But one for the cellar as well.

99 Pts.

VIÑEDO CHADWICK VALLE DE MAIPO 2012

This is a superb red with currant, white truffle, sandalwood and stone. Full body, chewy tannins and a powerful finish. Turns to iodine. Gravel and hints of licorice too. Very, very long. This IS the La Mission Haut Brion of Chile. A phenomenal cabernet sauvignon. Needs at least five years to soften. 800 cases. Wait until 2018.

97 Pts.



VIU MANENT

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Founded in 1935 by Spanish immigrant Miguel Viu, like many estates at the time, Viu Manent was originally only focused on producing wines for the local market and from purchased grapes. It wasn't until 1966, when Miguel decided to acquire 150 hectares (now 260) of vineyards in the heart of Colchagua, that this all changed. Over time, Viu Manent has moved away from traditional, fuller-fruited styles to produce cutting-edge, dynamic wines. The Viu Manent Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon La Capilla 2014 is a great example of this: From a cooler site in the west of Colchagua near Peralillo, it's a cabernet that's so fresh and elegant with so much clear blue fruit. Don't miss Viu 1, a decadent yet refined malbec from one-hundred-year old vines planted in the center of the region. This is no doubt becoming one of Chile's most recognizable brands.

VIU MANENT VALLE DE COLCHAGUA VIU MIGUEL 1 2013

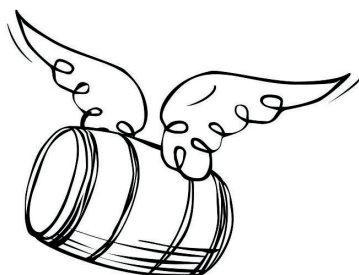
Luscious and beautiful with lots of berry, chocolate and decadent character. Full body, round and velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Generous and beautiful. Voluptuous. May be a little too much. But attractive. Drink or hold.

93 Pts.
VIU MANENT SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON LA CAPILLA 2014

The fresh herb and currant character is very attractive here with a medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a fresh and focused finish. Drink now or hold.

91 Pts.


MOVI



MOVI

The mantra behind MOVI, which stands for Movement of Independent Vintners, is simple: “Dare to think small.” The association was formed to allow smaller, quality-driven producers in Chile to contend with some of the country’s bigger players. There are now as many as 35 members in the group, but all have a common goal of making wines of limited production that emphasize quality and character. And the diversity is staggering. Wines are made in anywhere from the Atacama Desert to the Malleco Valley, that’s to say that members’ vineyards stretch from north to south for more than 3,000 kilometers. There’s really little better showcase of the diversity of Chilean wines, without even talking about MOVI’s outstanding results. The wines reflect the dedication of these vigneronos whose aim is to showcase the diversity of wines in Chile in a meaningful way.

GARCÍA SCHWADERER

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GARCÍA SCHWADERER CHILE FACUNDO 2013

A pretty and refined wine with pretty dark berry and floral character. Medium body, fine and silky tannins. Linear line to it. A blend of carignan, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Drink now.

92 Pts.**GARCÍA SCHWADERER VALLE DE ITATA BRAVADO 2015**

This is laser focused on the palate with blue fruits, flowers and spices. Linear backbone of tannins. Full and polished. Shows clarity and brilliance. A blend of syrah, carignan, petit verdot, mourvedre and grenache. Drink now.

93 Pts.

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TRABUN

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TRABUN MALBEC VALLE DE CACHAPOAL 2015

Pungent and bright aromas of dried berry, tar and flowers follow through to a full body, firm and silky tannins and a velvety-textured finish. Solid red. Drink now.

94 Pts.**TRABUN SYRAH VALLE DE CACHAPOAL 2013**

Aromas of blackberry and hot stone follow through to a full body, round and chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. I like the polished and soft texture. Very pretty. Balanced. Drink now.

92 Pts.

ALCHEMY

SAN FRANCISCO

ALCHEMY VALLE DE CACHAPOAL GRAND CUVÉE 2014

A big and juicy wine with lots of ripe fruit that shows dried strawberry and blueberry character. Flowers too. Full body, round and velvety. A blend of mostly cabernet sauvignon, carmenere, syrah and malbec. Drink now.

91 Pts.**ALCHEMY CARMÉNÈRE VALLE DE CACHAPOAL 2015**

A firm and silky wine with lovely balance of fruit and polished tannins. Medium to full body. Lovely balanced and textured red. Drink now.

93 Pts.

CLOS ANDINO

MIAMI

CLOS ANDINO TERROIR LE CARMÉNÈRE 2015

This is linear and fine. Medium body. Dark berry and stone undertones. Drink now.

91 Pts.**CLOS ANDINO TERROIR LE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012**

A pretty aromatic cabernet with fresh herb and currant. Medium body, fine tannins and a juicy finish. Attractive now.

91 Pts.

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This is a deep and layered syrah with meat, spice and berry character. Hints of dust. Full body, round with velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Drink now or hold.

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BODEGA GARZÓN

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Garzón is located in Uruguay, near chic seaside resort of Punta del Este, La Barra and José Ignacio. Owned and run by business magnate Alejandro Bulgheroni who also owns wineries in Napa, Mendoza, Barossa, Bordeaux and Tuscany, the winemaking at Garzón is overseen by consulting enologist Alberto Antonini with a range of wines that go from pinot noir to delicate tannat. The new winery was inaugurated in March 2016 and is a unique project with a promising future that should make it Uruguay's vinous showpiece. It is the only producer not from the Andes at the event, but worth tasting and exploring.

BODEGA GARZÓN GARZÓN BALASTO 2015

Very bright and aromatic with blackberry, black licorice and spice. Hints of sweet tobacco. Full body, yet reserved and extremely polished. 45% tannat, 25% cabernet franc, 20% marcellain and 10% petit verdot. A new benchmark for Uruguay. Better in 2020 but amazing now.

94 PTS.**BODEGA GARZÓN ALBARIÑO GARZÓN SINGLE VINEYARD 2016**

This is very layered and intense with a fantastic texture and depth. Pear, lemon and mango. Full and flavorful. Very long and beautiful. The cement fermentation and aging on the lees gives the intensity. Fantastic debut wine. Drink now.

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WHY OUR OCEANS — AND MEXICO'S VAQUITA — ARE WORTH PROTECTING

Wine is more than just wine. It's a product of the earth, a benefactor (or sometimes victim) of Mother Nature and her temperament – not to mention man's interventions. Oceans and their water are one such critical lifeline to the vine. That's why JamesSuckling.com promotes, supports and contributes to Sea Shepherd, the eco-conservation group focused on protecting the ocean, particularly whales and other sea mammals.

We currently give to a special project in the Sea of Cortez in Mexico to save the Vaquita, the smallest porpoise in the world whose numbers have diminished to only 40 or so. They are most endangered sea mammal on the planet. These small, beautiful creatures, often called the panda of the sea, are unique to these waters, and despite the Mexican government establishing a sea refuge for them, poachers continue to kill these animals in illegal fisherman's nets.

Sea Shepherd surveys the waters, collects illegal gill nets, and reports poaching activities. Just after Christmas, they helped capture eight illicit fishermen and confiscated boats, nets and other equipment in conjunction with the Mexican Navy. I'm proud to be part of this venture (called Operation Milagro III) and last year JamesSuckling.com donated enough money to keep Sea Shepherd up and running in the Sea of Cortez for more than a month. We plan to contribute more this year.

The conservation of the Vaquita is important to me—and not just because of my love for wine. I remember as a young boy traveling each year to the Sea of Cortez with my late grandfather. We would drive down from Los Angeles during Spring break and camp for a few weeks to fish with locals. Many times I spotted these friendly Vaquita swimming a short distance from the shore. It's hard to believe that they're almost extinct. I hope we can help them and that you will consider joining me.



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JAMES SUCKLING is one of the world's foremost wine critics, having tasted more than 200,000 wines over three decades. His dedicated website, www.jamessuckling.com, explores the best in wine through ratings, blogs and high-definition videos. He is also the wine editor of the *Asian Tatler* magazines.

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