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**THE TERRUÑO
(TERROIR)**



PLEASE NOTE

Our glass size is 150ml, pot size is 500ml and bottle size is 750ml unless otherwise stated. However, wines by the glass can be served 125ml on request

Since Argentina is a long way from our shores, and we cannot always predict when new wines arrive, some vintages may vary from those advertised on this menu

With the Andes to the West and the Atlantic to the East, most of Argentina's wine production takes place between latitudes 22-42°S and altitudes 250-3111m ASL

SUPER MALBEC REGIONS

PATAGONIA

250–400m ASL 6200 Hectares

With Mendoza to the north, and the Andes to the west, the **Rio Negro** is a 75 mile long oasis in a wild, windy desert plateau. The river gives life to the many old vines, with a wide thermal amplitude, making this region ideal for high quality wine. Semillon, Pinot Noir and Merlot are the dominant varieties here, and Malbec has a fine texture and lovely purity of fruit. The wines are very elegant.

Neuquén, where the Limay and Neuquén rivers meet near San Patricio del Chañar, is the newest wine region in the world. Planted from 1999, a handful of wineries are beginning to find definition; intensely pure and mineral in style, with quality getting better with each vintage.

BUENOS AIRES

10m ASL 140 Hectares

Small, new wine projects in

Chapadmalal, near Mar del Plata, are the only wines that have any sea influence.

Lying right next to the Atlantic, Albariño, Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Pinot Noir will be the stars of the future.

Watch this space.

MENDOZA

650–1500m ASL 144000 Hectares

The largest wine region in Argentina, and the most famous. **Maipú**, and the eastern regions are hot and arid, with an enviable swathe of old vines, mainly given over to making table wines. Some famous old family names reside in Maipú, where Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon are ripe and rich in style.

Luján de Cuyo is home to most of the famous names, **Agrelo** being the largest sub-region. Set in a bowl shape, this is a very cool region, with deep soils, ideal for traditional flood irrigation from the Rio Mendoza. Next door, **Perdriel** is more rocky, giving graphite and flesh to the wines, and particularly good for Cabernet Sauvignon. Straddling the border with Maipú, **Drumond** and **Lunlunta** are home to leafy dirt tracks and old, old vines. Malbec is perhaps at its finest here, and a new focus on this region is emerging. Moving west, **Vistalba** and **Las Compuertas** is home to some of the best vineyards in all of Argentina. Silky and soft, Malbec has a juicy and intense elegance, with wild flowers and spice.

The recent race to the **Uco Valley** is giving wineries a new colour to their palate, with tense and nervy wines being defined by a cooler terroir. This huge valley is divided into 3 regions, being separated by the Tunuyán and Las Tunas rivers. When entering the valley, **Tupungato** soars with high altitude vines, with the sub region of **Gualtallary** generating much excitement, not least because it is being exploited by a new breed of maverick winemakers who are creating stunning Cabernet Franc and blends. The new **San Pablo** region is producing wines with intense acidity and a lightness of touch too.

Tunuyán is home to **Vista Flores**, right at the foot of the snow line of the Andes, producing spicy, elegant and floral wines. The rocky **Chacayés** department is also creating a stir and is being targeted by small boutique wineries.

Moving further south, we come to the department of **San Carlos**. This is where the cooling influence of latitude starts to kick in. **Paraje Altamira** has just been given its own appellation, and is home to high levels of calcium carbonate in the soils, giving a fantastic level of complexity and longevity to Malbec in particular.

La Consulta has deeper soils, and old vines, which manifests in gloriously opulent fruit, combined with high acidity. **El Cepillo** and **Eugenio Bustos** also have high levels of limestone, producing tense and mineral wines.

SAN JUAN

800–1400m ASL 46000 Hectares

Perhaps the hottest of all climates, this is Argentina's second wine region and lies to the north of Mendoza. There are 3 main zones. **Zonda**, which is named after the famous wind, which fires its way down the mountain with such ferocity, is hot and dry. **Tulum** surrounds the city of San Juan, and is noted for the quality of its Syrah, which loves heat. The high quality comes from **Perdernal**, and at 1400m it is the coolest sub region in San Juan. Malbec, Syrah and Petit Verdot are the stars, with ripe, spicy and peppery character.

Calingasta, a new, even higher vineyard area better known for its apples, is showing much promise, particularly for the Bonarda Argentina and Criolla Chica grape varieties.

LA RIOJA

1000–1400m ASL 8000 Hectares

Characterised by a large cooperative, with over 100 wineries working under one brand, La Rioja excels at producing Torrontés, Bonarda, Tannat and Syrah. This is the original home of Torrontés, where Muscatel de Alexandria and Criolla Chica first crossed. A number of new, independent wineries are producing new varieties, such as Fiano and Muscat.

CATAMARCA

2000m ASL 2600 Hectares

Set in the implausibly remote and wild valley of **Fiambalá**, Catamarca is home to Malbec, Bonarda, Syrah and, increasingly, Torrontés. Just a dozen wineries produce mainly organic wines with power and concentration. The famous 'mistela' sweet Muscatel wines are frequently made by the many Monasteries in the region.

SALTA

1700–3111m ASL 2300 Hectares

The northern most winemaking region in Argentina, set in the beautiful **Calchaquí Valley**, and one of the most terroir specific, Salta is home to the highest vineyards in the world. **Cafayate** is the main town, with just 33 wineries making fine, powerful wines with huge, intense luminosity. Torrontés and Tannat are at their best, with Malbec expressing itself in its most intense and opulent glory. Further afield, **Cachi** and **Molinos** are pushing the limits of extreme viticulture, reaching the dizzy heights of 3111m.

SUPER MALBECS

Drawn from 10 years of championing this beautiful grape, here is a selection of the finest Malbecs in the world.

MENDOZA UCO VALLEY

Gualtallary, Los Arboles and Tupungato

NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA

'ADRIANA' 2010

1402m Gualtallary, Mendoza
2470 (Single Vineyard)

UCO VALLEY

Altamira and La Consulta

NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA

'NICASIA' 2010

980–1400m Altamira,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
1630

SEBASTIAN ZUCCARDI

'ALLUVIONAL' 2008

1180m La Consulta,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
2205

ACHAVAL FERRER

'FINCA ALTAMIRA' 2009

1150m Altamira,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
2205

MENDEL

'FINCA REMOTA' 2008

1150m Altamira,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
2310(Single Vineyard)

UCO VALLEY

Vista Flores, San Carlos and El Cepillo

SUSANA BALBO

'MANDALA' 2013

1150m Vista Flores,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
735 (Single Vineyard)

O FOURNIER

'ALFA CRUX' 2007

1150m El Cepillo,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
1275

MENDOZA BLENDS

MATIAS RICCITELLI

'VINEYARD SELECTION' 2011

980–1150m Vistalba/
Perdriel/El Cepillo, Mendoza
1255

DOÑA PAULA

'SELECCIÓN DE BODEGA' 2006/10

1050–1350m Gualtallary/
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1420

NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA

'MALBEC ARGENTINO' 2010

980–1402m Gualtallary/
Altamira, Uco Valley, Mendoza
2470

LUJÁN DE CUYO

Las Compuertas and Vistalba

MATIAS RICCITELLI

'REPUBLICA DEL MALBEC' 2011

1050m Vistalba,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1735(Single Vineyard)

TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES

'AFINCADO' 2007/09

1000m Vistalba/
Las Compuertas,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1420

ALTA VISTA

'ALIZARINE' 2007

1067m Las Compuertas,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1315 (Single Vineyard)

VIÑA COBOS

'BRAMARE' 2008/09

1150m Tupungato,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1155

LUJAN DE CUYO

Ugategue, Agrelo and Perdriel

VIÑA COBOS

'MARCHIORI' 2008

1150m Agrelo,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
2050 (Single Vineyard)

ACHAVAL FERRER

'BELLA VISTA' 2009/10

980m Perdriel,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
2205 (Single Vineyard)

ACHAVAL FERRER

'FINCA MIRADOR' 2010

700m Medrano, Mendoza
2310 (Single Vineyard)

SUSANA BALBO

'NOSOTROS' 2009

980m Agrelo,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
4725 (Single Vineyard)

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These wines represent the very best of Argentina, some being the 'Icon' wines from major wineries, others being from small independent wineries working in specific areas of Mendoza

New and unusual grape varieties are finding their niche in the fine tradition too, providing more scope to the diversity of this beautiful country

WHITE WINE

ATAMISQUÉ 2011/12
Chardonnay
1300m Tupungato,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
840 (Single Vineyard)

CATENA
'ALTA' 2014
Chardonnay
1350m Tupungato,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
840

HUMBERTO CANALE
'OLD VINE' 2013
Riesling
770m Rio Negro, Patagonia
495

RED WINE SALTA

MICHEL TORINO
'ALTIMUS' 2007/09
Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/
Tannat
1750m Cafayate, Salta
1155

EL PORVENIR DE LOS ANDES
'LABORUM' 2012
Syrah
1750m Cafayate, Syrah
880

RED WINE MENDOZA

NICOLAS CATENA
'ZAPATA' 2010
Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec
980-1400m Luján de Cuyo/
Uco Valley
2310

LUIGI BOSCA
'ICONO' 2007
Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon
1080m Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
2890

CHEVAL DES ANDES 2010
Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/
Petit Verdot
980-1050m Vistalba,
Las Compuertas/Luján de Cuyo,
Mendoza
2680

ZUCCARDI
'ZETA' 2010
Malbec/Tempranillo/
Cabernet Sauvignon
680-1300m La Consulta,
Santa Rosa, Mendoza
1125

FINCA LOS NOBLES 2008
Cabernet Sauvignon/Bouchet
1080m Las Compuertas,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1525

SANTA FAUSTINA

'D'AUTOR' 2004
Malbec/Syrah
980-1650m Lunlunta/
Medrano/Mendoza
1260

ACHAVAL FERRER
'QUIMERA' 2013
Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/
Merlot/Cabernet Franc/
Petit Verdot
980-1300m Uco Valley/
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1155

TRAPICHE
'ISCAY' 2008
Malbec/Cabernet Franc
760-1300m Uco Valley,
Maipù, Mendoza
1365

TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES

'AFINCADO' 2010
Cabernet Sauvignon
980m Perdriel,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1305

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VINA COBOS

'MARCHIORI' 2008
Cabernet Sauvignon
1050m Perdriel, Agrelo,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
2050

FINCA SOPHENIA

'SYNTHESIS' 2008
Cabernet Sauvignon/
Malbec/Merlot
1300m Tupungato, Mendoza
1275

O FOURNIER 'ALFA CRUX' 2005

Tempranillo/Malbec/
Cabernet Sauvignon
1350m Tupungato, Mendoza
1115

PAUL HOBBS

'VIÑA COBOS NICO' 2008
Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec
1050m Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
4725

MAURICIO LORCA

'GRAN OPALO' 2008
Cabernet Sauvignon/
Malbec/Syrah/Petit Verdot
1050m Vista Flores,
Uco Valley, Mendoza
860

FINCA LOS NOBLES 2006

Malbec/Petit Verdot
1067m Las Compuertas,
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1365

LAFITE ROTHSCHILD & CATENA

'CARO' 2009/10
Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon
980-1050m Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1850

SUSANA BALBO 'BRIOSO' 2011

Cabernet Sauvignon/
Malbec/ Cabernet Franc/
Petit Verdot/ Merlot
1080m Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1115

BENEGAS LYNCH

'MERITAGE' 2006
Cabernet Sauvignon/
Cabernet Franc/
Merlot/Petit Verdot
780m Cruz de Piedra, Maipù, Mendoza
1365

ALTA VISTA 'ALTO' 2005/07

Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon
980-1300m Uco Valley/
Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza
1840

BENEGAS LYNCH 2006

Cabernet Franc
780m Cruz de Piedra, Maipù, Mendoza
1365

SUSANA BALBO

'BENMARCO EXPRESIVO' 2012
Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/
Syrah/Tannat
1050-1350m Tupungato/
Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza
1105

RED WINE PATAGONIA

CHACRA 'BARDA' 2013

Pinot Noir
300m Mainqué,
Rio Negro, Patagonia
925

CHACRA '55' 2013

Pinot Noir
300m Mainqué,
Rio Negro, Patagonia
1575 (Single Vineyard)

HUMBERTO CANALE

'OLD VINE' 2012/13
Pinot Noir
300m General Roca,
Rio Negro, Patagonia
580 (Single Vineyard)

