

## New Wines From Around the World

### ARGENTINA Red

**95 Viña Cobos Malbec Mendoza Marchiori Vineyard 2002 \$75** This shows awesome purity, with lush, seamless layers of raspberry, blackberry and fig compote finely stitched with notes of plum sauce, mocha, graphite and violets. Velvety texture and fresh acidity let the decadent finish display exotic combinations of flavors. A memory-staining wine. Drink now through 2009. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 726 cases made.—J.M.

**91 Achával-Ferrer Malbec Mendoza Finca Mirador 2001 \$85** Subtle at first, with plum, blackberry and floral notes that gain in intensity through the finish, where more tar, mineral and graphite flavors emerge. Starts slow but has a lot in reserve, with vibrant acidity. Let this flesh out in the cellar. Drink now through 2008. 325 cases made.—J.M.

**90 Fincas Don Martino Malbec Mendoza Old Vine Reserve 2002 \$55** Racy acidity keeps this wine's core of boysenberry and raspberry fruit in check, while the toast, mineral and spice notes hint at its complexity. Cellar a touch to let it stretch out, and you will be rewarded. Drink now through 2007. Tasted twice, with consistent notes.—J.M.

**90 Bodegas Terrazas de los Andes Malbec Mendoza Afincado 2001 \$38** Lots of cocoa and toast up front, but there's a very solid core of black currant and blackberry fruit here, with dark chocolate and tar notes on the chewy finish. A muscular style, but there's balance, too. Drink now through 2007. 1,100 cases made.—J.M.

**90 TriVento Malbec Mendoza Golden Reserve 2002 \$20** This is a Malbec in Cabernet clothing—powerful, with a wall of toast, dark cocoa and coffee protecting the core of dark currant and blackberry fruit. Dense and very broad-shouldered, with a structured finish that needs time to open. Drink now through 2007. 2,200 cases made.—J.M.

**89 Enrique Foster Malbec Luján de Cuyo Limited Edition 2003 \$40** Lots of pure, focused blackberry and boysenberry fruit here, with suave vanilla and spice notes as well. Lush, creamy finish. Drink now through 2006. 1,300 cases made.—J.M.

**88 Dollum Malbec Mendoza Single Vineyard Gran Reserva 2000 \$49** Shows the cool quality of the vintage with tobacco and mint notes, but there's also good black cherry, plum and raisin fruit underneath. Supple, vanilla-tinged finish shows nice length. Drink now. 375 cases made.—J.M.

**88 Pascual Toso Malbec Mendoza Reserve 2003 \$18** Fresh and bouncy, with lots of blackberry, blueberry and briar flavors. Fruit pumps through the juicy finish nicely. A textbook introduction to Malbec. Drink now. 4,000 cases made.—J.M.

**86 Familla Zuccardi Malbec Mendoza Q 2001 \$19** Chewy, with taut tannins supporting the black cherry and black currant fruit. Coffee, toast and cedar notes on the finish. Drink now through 2006. 600 cases imported.—J.M.

**85 Enrique Foster Malbec Luján de Cuyo Reserva 2003 \$22** Rather ripe, with blackberry and blueberry notes and a good, fleshy finish. Just turns a touch raisiny in the end. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—J.M.

**82 Bodegas Salenteln Pinot Noir Mendoza 2002 \$18** —J.M.

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