

BODEGA ARGENTO

Malbec Reserva

Tasting Note

Deep purple in colour, this Malbec displays delicate aromas of violet, ripe plum and blackberry. Rich and full-bodied, the concentrated black fruit flavours intertwine with subtle notes of white pepper and cardamon. Structured tannins and a soft touch of vanilla and mocha lead into a long and velvety finish.

Varietal Composition

100% Malbec

Region

Mendoza: Luján de Cuyo (Agrelo) and Tupungato (Gualtallary)

ABV

14.2%

Fermentation

Stainless steel fermentation at 24 - 28°C for 7 days

Oak

60% ageing in American oak and 40% in French oak , medium toast, during 9 months.

Residual Sugar

2.6 g/L

Acidity / pH

5.56 g/L / 3.8 pH

Vegetarian / Vegan

Yes / Yes

Winemaker

Silvia Corti

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Argento Reserva Malbec 2015

Rated 89, Louise Boutin, winecurrent.com, May 21, 2018

"Deep-purple-hued liquid and fresh blueberry, purple plum and blackberry aromas introduce this vibrant offering from high-altitude vineyards. This is juicy and generous on the palate with black raspberry flavours and racy tang. Nine months of oak ageing suggest a mild vanilla note on the pleasantly dry, fruit-forward finish. This is a crowd pleaser to pour at your next barbecue."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2015

Rated 88, Steve Thurlow, WineAlign, March 29, 2018

"This is an almost opaque aromatic malbec that's midweight with a lingering dry finish. Expect aromas of blackberry and black cherry fruit with dark chocolate and vanilla. It is very smooth, well balanced with a smoky dry finish with some firm tannin. Very good length. Another year of bottle age will help the tannin to soften. Best 2019 to 2022. Try with a juicy duck breast."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2015

Rated 90, James Suckling, June 21, 2017

"Stones and berries with hints of dried herbs. A medium body and a delicate finish, which make for a very drinkable and enjoyable style. Screw cap. Drink now."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014

**Rated 89 & Recommended, Michael Vaughan,
Vintage Assessments, September 19, 2017**

"Extremely deep intense purple colour. Attractive, gently spicy, faintly complex, plummy, ripe, black cherry nose with some cedary, faint mocha-chocolate notes. Dry, medium bodied, quite well structured, harmonious, lush, ripe, plum-cherry flavours with a lingering, very bright, cedary, mocha-tiinged finish. Gets better as it is permitted to breathe!"

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014

**Rated 89 & Best Buy, Tony Aspler, Vintage Assessments,
September 19, 2017**

"Smoky, struck flint, plum and cherry on the nose; full-bodied, dry, savoury-herbal blackberry and plum flavours with a floral note, lively acidity and a firm finish. Decant - improves with breathing."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014
Rated 88, Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, July 2017

"Bright, dark red, Pure, slightly floral scents of blackberry, black cherry and licorice; much less peppery than the classic Malbec. A moderately dense midweight with dark berry and spice flavors accented by a floral note. Finishes firm and bright, with decent tannic spine and savory persistence."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014
Tasha Taylor, April 17, 2017

"The second-tier offering from Argento prides itself on being the "ultimate expression of Mendoza's unique terroir" and as such, it presents itself as being the hallmark of the Malbec style. With loads of dark fruit flavours, purple flowers and some smoky notes this wine we truly enjoyed. The main difference behind the 'reserva' labelling is that this wine was crafted by blending grapes from several microclimates and was aged in oak for 9 months compared to its non-reserva counterpart above. With this processing "we can achieve a more complex wine with intense fruit notes, great concentration and excellent structure." says Bodega Argento. We say buy 6 bottles and revel in the incredible value and taste."

Argento Reserva Malbec 2014
Rated 4 Stars, Rod Phillips, April 16, 2017

"Look for well-defined and lightly complex fruit here, with some juiciness in the texture from the acidity. This is a lighter style of malbec that doesn't deliver the power that many do, and is therefore that much more versatile with food."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014
Rated 3.5 Stars, Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com,
November 5, 2016

"There's lots of spice and oodles of red and black berry fruit aromas on the nose of this full-fruited, medium-plus bodied Malbec. The dark berry fruit on the palate is enveloped by charred toast and roasted green, savory herbs persisting through the lengthy savory finish. The aftertaste layers on notions of bittersweet chocolate. Serve with red pizza."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014 Rated 91 & Silver, DAWA 2016

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014
Rated 92, James Suckling, May 23, 2016

"Very attractive dried berry, light vanilla and spice aromas follow through to a full body, round and silky tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Delicious now."

Argento Reserve Malbec 2013
Rod Phillips, Ottawa Citizen, July 19, 2016

"From Argentina's Mendoza region, this delivers the concentrated and quite rich fruit you expect of Malbec, but its weight is moderated by complexity, structure, and balance. It's well priced for the quality, and it goes well with red meat dishes, seasoned sausages, and burgers."

Argento Malbec Reserva 2014
Rated 89, Steve Thurlow, WineAlign, July 7, 2016

"This wine seems to get better with every vintage It is a big powerfully flavoured malbec with a freshness and elegance to nose and palate. Expect aromas of blackberry and black cherry fruit with floral and herbal tones plus some dark chocolate and hints of vanilla. It is very smooth, well balanced with a fruity dry finish. Very good length. Best 2016 to 2019. Try with a juicy duck breast."

Argento Malbec 'Reserva' 2014
Rated 4 Stars & Value, Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com,
July 19, 2016

"Smoke, espresso roast and hints of dark berry fruit on the nose, this classy red coats the palate with juicy red and dark fruit—black Bing cherry, black plum and tangy red currant. This is well balanced with depth, purity of fruit and oodles of charm. It finishes lengthy and dry with plenty of flavour and pleasurable tang."

Argento 2014 Malbec Reserva
Rated 89, Anthony Gismondi, WineAlign, June 2, 2016

"Wow. The latest malbec reserva reflects all the hard work going on at Argento. The colour is deep and dark and the nose jumps from the glass. Floral (violet) notes mix with beautiful pure plum and blackberry fruit that is super juicy and slippery on the palate. The finish is long and textured flecked with white pepper and brown spices white pepper and cardamom. Seriously good for the price. Back up the truck and serve around the barbecue all summer. The fruit is 100 percent Mendoza malbec from Luján de Cuyo (Alto Agrelo) and San Carlos (La Consulta)."

Argento 2014 Malbec Reserva
Rated 90, Tim Atkin, Argentina Special Report 2016

"The Argento Reserva range has really impressed me this year, demonstrating that big brands don't have to make one dimensional wines. Plush, ripe and densely coloured, this is smooth and well balanced with just the right amount of oak. Essence of Argentinean Malbec, in short. 2016-2020."

Argento Reserva Malbec 2013
Rated 88, James Suckling, June 1, 2015

"A soft and silky wine with dried fruit, berry and hints of leather character. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh finish. Drink now. Screw cap."

Argento Reserva Malbec 2013
Rated 88, Steve Thurlow, WineAlign, August 17, 2015

"This is a very nice, rich and smooth and pure malbec... Expect aromas of blackberry and plum fruit with a touch of vanilla and tobacco and some mild oak spice, with thankfully no mocha. The palate is midweight with the fruit balanced by fine tannin. Very good length. A great BBQ red."