



Argentina

Introduced to Argentina by French agricultural engineer Michel Pouget in 1868, Malbec is widely planted in Argentina producing a softer, less-tannic driven variety than the wines of Cahors. The best examples of these wines come from the Argentine region of Mendoza. In Argentina, where Malbec seems to have found a natural home, the grape is used to produce very popular varietal wines. It is now thought that the variety known as **Fer** in that country is a clone. Although the grape is currently Argentina's premier grape, wine makers tried to remove it from the vineyard. In the 1980s Argentina a "vine pull" program was initiated until there were only 10,000 acres (40 km²) of the grape left. In the 1990s, Malbec's potential and the increase of wine exports from South America saved the grape

Varietal Reds

Malbec- Produces a dark, dusky, full-bodied, and tannic red with intense flavor. Grapes come from low-yielding, old-vines. Chew on this wine for a while, then chew on some steak!

Merlot- Powerful fruit and spice flavor with mellow tannins for a velvet finish. Will develop quicker than the Cabernet and will stand up to the same food pairings.

Cabernet Sauvignon- Just as big and bold in Argentina as in other regions of the world! Produces a wine that is rich in color, intensely flavored, and tannic with hints of mint, blackberry, and black currant.

Syrah- Also known as "Shiraz" in Australia, this grape will produce a dark, rich, full-bodied wine with a chocolate aroma. Argentina has come a long way in growing high quality grapes in this varietal. If you love syrah, this is a great choice; the flavor characteristics in the "Argentina Version" are more bold and pronounced.

Our Specialty Blends

Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot- The classic blending of Cabernet and Merlot, produces a bold wine with lots of tannic structure, yet has the smoothness and complexity that the Merlot "brings to the table".

Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon- "Everybody's Wine" with a blend of Merlot and Cabernet. This wine will have a young approachability that comes with Merlot and still will have a bit of "something else" going on.

Syrah/Malbec- Syrah and Malbec. The Malbec adds musky, earthy tones to an already spicy Syrah.

Syrah/Cabernet Sauvignon- Made by blending Syrah with Cabernet Sauvignon. The Cabernet "grounds" the sometimes-wild nature of the Syrah.

Syrah/Merlot- Made by blending Syrah with Merlot. This is an excellent wine for the Syrah and the Merlot fan alike. The Merlot really softens the wine while the Syrah adds that spice!

Cabernet/Syrah/Merlot/Malbec

Super Tuscan- Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot

Argentina Bordeaux Blend – Cabernet/Merlot/Malbec