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Top 5: Argentine Wines

Sommelier Paz Levinson's Top Tipples for 2013

Although one of Argentina's trump cards is its Malbec grape, the South American nation also holds a strong hand when it come to its wine experts. Earlier this year, Argentine sommelier Paz Levinson represented her country at the 14ème Concours A.S.I. du Meilleur Sommelier du Monde in Tokyo, reaching the semi-finals – no mean feat considering she was up against some of the finest noses in the business. Here is her top five selection of Argentine wines for 2013.

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Mainqué Merlot 2010, Bodega Chacra

Like a Hitchcock film, this wine is elegant, aloof, but in charge of resolving an enigma: Merlot from Río Negro could be the best in Argentina. An intense wine, it has sufficient structure to handle time passing by, balanced acidity and tobacco leaf and menthol notes. With regards to its time in oak, this wine is treated delicately with high-quality, non-invasive wood. Its tannins are firm yet mature, which makes it ideal for accompanying a Patagonian rack of lamb.

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