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David Williams's wines of the week

Bodega Chacra Barda Pinot Noir 2011

Pinot noir is a difficult grape to work with, presenting its own set of problems both in the vineyard and the winery. When everything clicks and it works, however, it's difficult to imagine anything better: the best have a silken texture and ethereal aromatic quality that is not like anything else. Argentinian examples rarely exhibit the qualities that have led some of the variety's devotees to coin a new word: "pinosity". But this one, from an Italian-run project down in Patagonia, most certainly does. Graceful, floral and pretty, but with earthy, subtly mineral depths, it's a sensual treat at any time of the day.

| David Williams