



### **WINE LIST: Autumn 2025**

Welcome to Paladar! Our wine list has more than 60 wines sourced exclusively from the length and breadth of Latin America.

Most of the wines are from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, but we have also uncovered gems from countries not best known for wine production, like Mexico and Peru... and earlier this year we added two excellent wines from Ecuador - a real surprise!

We also showcase some great wines from Brazil and less well-known regions of Argentina - Salta, Patagonia, La Rioja and San Juan - along with less familiar Chilean valleys, such as Itata and Elqui.

The list encompasses a wide range of different wine styles and grape varieties - some of which you may not have heard of, including César Noir, Grüner Veltliner, Petit/Gros Manseng, Marselan and Arinarnoa.

We particularly encourage you to try the region's "Criolla" varieties. These are the offspring of the original grape varieties that the Spanish Conquistadors took across the Atlantic in the 16th Century. Born in South America with fascinating grape names like Quebranta, Torrontés Criolla Grande and Moscatel Rosado, the wines are best served slightly chilled. We have highlighted these, and their "parent" varieties.

Bargain hunters need look no further than the first page (the "Bin Ends") where we are discounting those wines being de-listed.

Our "By the Glass" selection includes a number of more offbeat options - including some Criollas and a lovely Uruguayan Marselan. As far as possible, we are keeping wines by the glass at less than £10 each (and hope you can enjoy more than one!)

This year we have been working towards a "Lower and Lighter" theme: Lower in price and in alcohol and Lighter in style and in bottle weight. For some time now, we have been selecting wines that are not in unnecessarily heavy bottles - being firm believers in the motto "it's what's in the bottle that counts"! All wines of 12%ABV and less as "Lower Alcohol" and we have recently added wines as low as 8.5-9.5%

**Be bold and adventurous... We encourage you to discover the diversity of Latin American wines!**

**ALL OUR WINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR RETAIL SALE AT 50% OF THE DRINK-IN PRICE IN THE BODEGA  
THERE IS A FURTHER 20% DISCOUNT IF YOU BUY ANY SIX WINES AS A CASE**

*12.5% discretionary service charge is added to your bill for wine served in the restaurant (but not for retail sales)*

## OCT-DEC '25 BIN ENDS (WHEN IT'S GONE IT'S GONE!)



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### Orange

Viña González Bastías, Naranjo	Moscatel Rosado/Torontel/País   Maule Valley, Chile   12.3% ABV 2022 <b>Criolla Varieties</b> <i>Naranjo is made from criolla varieties macerated with skins for 30 days. It's peachy and aromatic without being overwhelming, and has a lovely rounded texture. Strongly recommended!</i>	80	66
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### White

Campos De Cima, Três Bocas, Branco	Alvarinho/Assyrtiko/Arinto   Campanha Gaúcha, Brazil   12.5% ABV 2022 <i>'Três Bocas' means 'Three Mouths' reflecting the location of the vineyard, three female owners and the unusual three grape blend: Alvarinho, Assyrtiko and Arinto.</i>	63	52
Mauricio Lorca, Recoleta	Pedro Giménez   Mendoza, Argentina   13% ABV 2023 <b>Criolla Variety</b> <i>Not to be confused with Pedro Ximénez, (which is generally used to produce intense dessert wines in Spain), this "Pedro Blanco" is a lovely light and fresh criolla, born in Argentina from a natural cross between Criolla Grande and Muscat of Alexandria. This is a real bargain - and it's Vegan-friendly!</i>	41	36
Viña González Bastías, Tierra Madre	Semillon/Torontel   Maule Valley, Chile   12.3% ABV 2019 <i>A fascinating natural wine made from grapes from four hectares of 200-year old dry-farmed bush vines. The fruity, foral nose leads one into a well-balanced palate with a long lasting finish.</i>	66	59
Estampa Inspiración, Italian Blend "La Dama del Vino"	Fiano/Vermentino/Greco   Colchagua Valley, Chile   12.5% ABV 2021 <i>This limited production and experimental wine comes from the coastal Paredones vineyards. It is a blend of 3 Italian grapes: Fiano, Vermentino and Greco with complex yet fresh notes of pear, apple and floral hints on the nose. The palate has pronounced stone fruit character accompanied by zesty acidity.</i>	69	62

### Red

Rogue Vine, Grand Itata, Tinto	Cinsault/País   Itata, Chile   13% ABV 2021 <i>A juicy and expressive light red made from grapes from old bush vines grown on granitic soils just 16 kilometers from the Pacific coast. We serve this wine slightly chilled.</i>	65	58
Finca Las Nubes	Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec   Calchaquí Valleys, Salta, Argentina   14% ABV 2023 <i>Medium-bodied intense red from high altitude vineyards at over 1,700 metres above sea level offering attractive aromas of ripe plums and blackberries with a persistent finish.</i>	46	40
Bodega Norton, L-118 Single Vineyard	Malbec   Lunlunta, Maipú, Mendoza, Argentina   15% ABV 2018 <i>This lovely Malbec displays a dark ruby red colour and red fruit aromas of blackberries and raspberries, with subtle spiced notes. It has excellent structure, granted by the intense, fruity and spiced character.</i>	109	89



### **Welcome to the world of Latin American Wines.**

We are fortunate at Paladar to have a large wine cellar, where we can store several hundred bottles of wine.

From big, rich reds to crisp delicate whites, unexpected orange wines, excellent bubbly and delicious dessert wines - we try have something to suit all palates and occasions.

Our “By the Glass” selection changes regularly and showcases a range of different styles, countries and price points.

We encourage you to discover the diversity of Latin American wines and are more than happy to make suggestions...

## WINES BY THE GLASS (Oct-Dec 2025)



### Sparkling

Kaiken, Brut	Chardonnay/Pinot Noir   Mendoza, Argentina   12.5% ABV	NV	125ml 10.8
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### White

Otronia, Rugientes 45	Gewürztraminer/Chardonnay/Pinot Grigio   Chubut, Patagonia, Argentina   13% ABV	2018	125ml 9.8
Mauricio Lorca, LORCA LO%	Criolla Blanca   Rivadavia, Mendoza, Argentina   8.5% ABV	2025	7.4
Miolo, Alisios	Pinot Grigio/Riesling   Seival Estate, Campanha, Brazil   11.5% ABV	2024	8.8

### Orange

Matias Morcos, Naranjo	Moscatel Rosado   Barriales, East Mendoza, Argentina   12% ABV	Criolla Variety & Lower Alcohol 2023	125ml 10.5
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### Rosé

Solou	Malbec   Mendoza, Argentina   10% ABV	Lower Alcohol 2024	125ml 7.7
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### Red

La Ronciere, Cantoalba	Pinot Noir   Licantén Valley, Chile   13% ABV	2022	125ml 9.0
Bodegones del Sur, Vineyard Select	Marselan   Juanicó, Canelones, Uruguay   13% ABV	2021	9.2
La Riojana, La Pausa	Malbec   Famatina Valley, La Rioja, Argentina   13% ABV	2024	9.5

### Sweet/ Dessert

Errazuriz	Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc   Aconcagua Valley, Chile   13% ABV	2022	100ml 9.8
Pablo Fallabrino, Alcyone	Tannat (fortified red)   Atlántida, Canelones, Uruguay   15% ABV	NV	14.9
Barsol, Perfecto Amor	Quebranta/Torontel/Italia (fortified with Pisco)   Ica Valley, Peru   17% ABV	Criolla Varieties NV	14.2





## The Criollas - Latin America's “indigenous” grape varieties

It was the Spanish Conquistadors that first brought vines and winemaking to Latin America. In the 16<sup>th</sup> Century they took three grape varieties - **Listán Prieto**, **Muscat of Alexandria** and **Negramoll** - across the Atlantic via the Canary Islands.

These relatively hardy vines were planted widely in what are now Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina during the 16th and 17th centuries and were used to make wine for the communion and for general drinking.

Over time these varieties crossed naturally to create new grape varieties that are not found anywhere else in the world. Criolla is a term relating to anything of Spanish descent that was born or created in Latin America - including people, food, music, dance... and grape varieties.

**Torrontés**, **Quebranta**, **Pedro Giménez**, **Criolla Grande**, **Moscatel Rosado** and **Cereza** may not be the best-known wine-making grapes. However, along with the original three “parent varieties” there are now some super wines being made to high standards by both young and more established winemakers - often with minimal intervention - creating lovely wines that are uniquely Latin American.

## Criolla Suggestions from our list

New on the list this autumn is a fresh and easy drinking ultra-low-alcohol Lorca Lo% **Criolla Blanca** from old vineyards in Rivaralda, Eastern Mendoza. Also available by the glass, this replaces Lorca's 2023 Recoleta **Pedro Giménez** (which is being bin-ended), while we continue to list his excellent light red **Criolla Grande**. And if you would like to try an orange wine, Matias Morcos's delicious **Moscatel Rosado** is now available by the glass.

Peru is not best known as a wine making country: Most of the wine is distilled to make Pisco, but many producers now focusing on wine as well as Pisco. We list Copero de Casalla's blend of **Muscat of Alexandria** and **Torontel** from the Cassalla Valley in Peru - grown just outside the town of Pisco.

For a great example of a lovely high altitude **Torrontés** - perhaps the best-known of the Criolla varieties - look no further than our Kaiken from Salta in Northern Argentina. This is fresh and floral without being overly flowery.

In the remote Calingasta Valley, in Argentina's San Juan province, there has been a remarkable project unfolding, with the rehabilitation of ancient vineyards. Cara Sur is a natural wine project headed up by Sebastian Zuccardi (of the Zuccardi wine family). The **Pergolas Criollas Blancas** and Finca Maggio **Moscatel Tinto** are not cheap, we admit, but so worth it...

Looking at the "parent" varieties, Maturana Wines in Chile has rediscovered some old plantings of **Negramoll** (also known as **San Francisco**) in the Loncomilla Valley in southern Chile. 'Negra' is a refreshing red and is your chance to try a well-made example of this rare grape variety!

We also list two examples of the "parent" variety, **Listán Prieto**. In Chile, this variety is known as **País** - and we now list Pero Parra's Vinista 100% **País** from Itata. Our personal favourite, though, is Agustín Lanús's, Sunal Ilógico **Criolla Chica** (the Argentine name for **Listán Prieto**). Using grapes from small, remote vineyards at up to 2,700m altitude and fermented with natural yeasts this fine wine is perfect for a special occasion.



*The Autumn 2025 Criolla line-up at Paladar*

*We have noted all Criolla wines as such on the list. We generally recommend that the red Criolla wines are served slightly chilled.*

## SPARKLING AND ROSE WINES

### Sparkling

*Traditional method (Champenoise method - second fermentation in the bottle and removal of remaining sediment)*

			75cl Bottle
Kaiken, Brut	Chardonnay/Pinot Noir   Gualtallary, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   12.5% ABV <i>This wine offers a refreshing and elegant palate with fine bubbles and a persistent mousse. Aged for a minimum of 12 months on its lees, it boasts delicate floral aromas, with hints of citrus and brioche on the nose.</i>	NV	54
Tapiz, Brut Rosé	Malbec   Tupungato, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   13% ABV <i>A delicious pink sparkler from a single vineyard on the San Pablo Estate, made with minimal intervention by respected winemaker, Patricia Ortiz. Fresh, fruity and well-balanced.</i>	NV	58
Miolo, Brut Millésime	Pinot Noir/Chardonnay   São Gabriel, Valle dos Vinhedos, Serra Gaucha, Brazil   12.5% ABV <i>Produced only from the very best vintages, this is one of the best sparkling wines produced in the southern hemisphere. Fine and persistent bubbles, complimented by a complex aroma of fresh bread, citrus and dried fruits. This excellent wine is fresh on the palate, with a pleasant creaminess and a lovely long finish.</i>	2018	72

*Pétillant Naturel (Ancestral, natural method - bottled before fermentation ends leaving sediment in the bottle)*

Viña Progreso, Underground Pét Nat	Albariño   Progreso, Canelones, Uruguay   13% ABV <i>Viña Progreso is Gabriel Pisano's "Experimental Winery" where he makes his own personal wines. This delicious Pét Nat shows crisp citrus fruits and is a great example of what younger winemakers are now producing in Uruguay.</i>	2024	69
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### Rosé

			75cl Bottle
Solou	Malbec   Mendoza, Argentina   10% ABV <i>This fresh, light and low-alcohol rose is perfect for easy drinking - as an aperitif or with our lighter dishes.</i>	Lower Alcohol 2024	37
Viña Maquis, Rosé	Malbec/Cabernet Franc   Colchagua Valley, Chile   12.5% ABV <i>This elegant rosé is in a class of its own. Floral notes from the Malbec are balanced with a creamy texture from the Cab Franc. An expressive, well balanced and aromatic wine from a master winemaker.</i>	2022	56
Bodega Garzón, Pinot Rosé de Corte	Pinot Noir   Maldonado, Uruguay   13% ABV <i>An elegant salmon colour wine with intense strawberry-cherry notes and a fascinating mineral finish.</i>	2023	54

## ORANGE AND SWEET WINES

### Orange

Maturana, Naranjo	Torontel   Maule Valley, Chile   13.5 % ABV <i>An attractive, well made orange wine - aromatic with notes of honey, orange peel and spices. Displays a fresh palate with complex concentrated flavours. A highly approachable wine made from 85-year old criolla vines - perfect for those who have not tried orange wine before.</i>	Criolla Variety	2023	48
Bizarra Extravaganza Vino Natural Orange	Gros Manseng/Petit Manseng   Juanicó, Canelones, Uruguay   12.5% ABV <i>Unfiltered and natural, this orange wine is cloudy in appearance. Intense, dry and beautifully complex: The name says it all, really... This is one for the more curious oenophile! Vegan Friendly</i>		2020	59
Matias Morcos, Naranjo	Moscatel Rosado   East Mendoza, Argentina   12% ABV <i>From century-old pergola vineyards in Eastern Mendoza, this Naranjo is rose pink (not orange) in colour with aromas of candied orange peel and runny honey with hints of exotic flowers. The wine is medium-bodied and completely dry with flavours of dried citrus fruits and raisins... Delicious - and Vegan-friendly!</i>	Criolla Variety & Lower Alcohol	2023	56

### Sweet

Bodega El Porvenir, Laborum Torrontés de Otoño	Late Harvest Torrontés   Cafayate, Salta, Argentina   11% ABV <i>Good fresh and fruity character with peach, raisins, honey and quince notes. Long finish with a touch of toast vanilla given by the french oak. A lovely, fresh, high altitude dessert wine.</i>	Criolla Variety & Lower Alcohol	2024	55 50cl Bottle
Errazuriz	Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc   Aconcagua Valley, Chile   13% ABV <i>This lovely dessert wine comes from low-altitude coastal vineyards. Oak aged for additional complexity, the wine displays aromas of apricots, honey and floral notes.</i>		2022	32 37.5cl Bottle
Bodega Pablo Fallabrino, Alcyone	Tannat (fortified red)   Atlántida, Canelones, Uruguay   16% ABV <i>This utterly delicious sweet red from Uruguay's Atlantic coast offers aromas of ripe cherry, cacao, vanilla and wild apple. A perfect match with our purple corn Churros!</i>		NV	70 50cl Bottle





## Lower and Lighter

We have continued to work towards a "Lower and Lighter" theme this year and are now listing more wines that are 1) Lower in price and in alcohol and 2) Lighter in style and in bottle weight.

Traditionally, many wines from South America would be high in alcohol - often 14% or more - while the more expensive reds were often put into unnecessarily large and heavy bottles to make them appear more impressive. We have even found wines where the bottle itself weighed more than the contents! This is extremely bad practice from a sustainability perspective, using much more glass than necessary. On top of this, having to ship extremely heavy cases of wine on lorries and ships adds to an even larger carbon footprint.

For many years, we have generally chosen not to list wines in overly heavy bottles. We believe it is what is inside the bottle that counts, and this has been borne out in our blind tastings - the price, label and bottle size/weight do not necessarily correlate with the quality of the contents. Whenever we talk to winemakers we raise this subject, and gradually mindsets are changing.

This year we added our first more "sustainable" high quality wine - a Malbec produced in the Uco Valley, bulk-shipped to the UK and bottled in London in lightweight bottles. Bulk shipping has traditionally been for low cost and low-quality wines but we expect to see more quality wines being bulk shipped.

Our cuisine does not really call for a long list of heavy red wines, and we have always shied away from this, choosing, instead, to have a wide variety of different styles and colours. In response to requests for more lower alcohol wines, we now list more than a dozen wines with 12% alcohol or less - and several at 10% or less. Most of the lower alcohol wines are whites, but we also have a 12% orange wine, a 10% rosé and (remarkably) a 9.5% red.

## WHITE WINES



				75cl Bottle
Viña Alto Roble, Santa Alba	Chardonnay   Central Valley, Chile   12% ABV <i>A clean and well-made unoaked Chardonnay with hints of peach and floral notes on the nose. The palate is clean and well-rounded. Notes of exotic fruit lead on to a satisfying finish. Vegan.</i>	Lower Alcohol	2024	39
Mauricio Lorca, LORCA LO%	Criolla Blanca   Rivadavia, Mendoza, Argentina   8.5% ABV <i>This lovely fresh, light and low-alcohol criolla is a natural cross between Criolla Grande and Muscat of Alexandria. Just landed in the UK, the 2025 vintage was harvested in February. A refreshing and easy-drinking white. Vegan.</i>	Criolla Variety & Lower Alcohol	2025	37
Marques del Valle	Sauvignon Blanc   Baja California, Mexico   12.5% ABV <i>This delightful Mexican Sauv Blanc offers fresh citrus notes on the nose, fresh fruit, crisp acidity and a pleasing finish. Perfect for easy drinking - pairs well with out seafood and lighter dishes</i>		2022	38
La Riojana, Santa Florentina	Pinot Gris   Famatina Valley, La Rioja, Argentina   12.5% ABV <i>A fresh and food-friendly organic wine with delicate blossom notes and a citrus tang. The Famatina Valley is very fertile, but one of the poorest regions of Argentina; the Fairtrade certification ensures that the local community has access to better education and healthcare in this remote region. Vegan.</i>		2023	43
Miolo, Alísios	Pinot Grigio/Riesling   Seival Estate, Campanha, Brazil   11.5% ABV <i>A really popular and well-made white from vineyards in the very south of Brazil close to the border with Uruguay. Intense, clean and bright, this well-balanced white offers great value and is available by the glass. Vegan.</i>	Lower Alcohol	2024	44
Morandé, Gran Reserva	Gewürztraminer   Belén Vineyard, Casablanca Valley, Chile   13.5% ABV <i>The clay soils and maritime influence allow the grapes to develop tremendous aromatic expression. This is an excellent well-balanced example of a dry Gewürz at a very affordable price.</i>		2023/24	44
Kaiken, Terroir Series	Torrontés   Calchaquí Valleys, Salta, Argentina   12% ABV <i>This is a great example of a high-altitude Torrontés Riojano - probably the best-known of the Criolla varieties. Fresh and bright and with an alluring aromatic nose (that is not too flowery ) and a long finish. Vegan.</i>	Criolla Variety & Lower Alcohol	2023	44
Proyecto Nakkal, Nakcool	Muscat Ottonel/Viognier/Ugni Blanc   Canelones, Uruguay   9.9% ABV <i>This natural wine from Proyecto Nakkal exemplifies the more experimental approach being taken by many younger winemakers in Uruguay. The nose shows complex floral aromas, suggesting extended skin contact, while the voluptuous palate offers tropical fruit flavours balanced by refreshingly bright acidity.</i>	Lower Alcohol	2023	54



## Wines with Altitude!

The Andes Mountains form a dramatic backdrop to many vineyards in both Chile and Argentina. Some of the best-known vineyards and wineries are found in valleys in the foothills of this astonishing mountain range which runs thousands of kilometres from the southern tip of Chile and Argentina right up the western side of the continent.

The higher altitudes (and cooler temperatures) allow cultivation of grapes outside the regular wine-growing latitudes. This gives wines an intensity and character not found from low-altitude vineyards partially due to the variation in nocturnal/diurnal temperatures and the strength of the sun at higher altitudes causing the grapes to form thicker skins.

Many vineyards in the foothills of the Andes are found between 1,000-1,500 metres above sea level, but in Salta (northern Argentina) and Bolivia vineyards are found at altitudes well over 2,000 metres above sea level.

This photo shows the **Masi Tupungato winery** in the Uco Valley, Mendoza. We list their fresh and light “**Passo Blanco**” **Pinot Grigio/Torrantes** blend - or for something more serious, their “**Corbec**” **Corvina/Malbec** blend is a divine red. Masi is a well-known Italian wine producer, and these wines showcase an effective blend of some of the best-known Italian and Argentine grape varieties.

## WHITE WINES



				75cl Bottle
Estancia Mendoza, Land of Malbec Blanc de Malbec	Malbec   Lavalle, Mendoza, Argentina   12% ABV <i>A fascinating oddity - Malbec grapes gently pressed to create a white wine "blanc de noir" style. This is from older vineyards on the deep sandy soils to the northeast of Mendoza at a relatively low 600-700m altitude.</i>	Lower Alcohol	2023	45
Bodega Norton, Finca La Colonia	Grüner Veltliner   Mendoza, Argentina   12.5% ABV <i>A rare example of this Austrian grape variety grown in Argentina. Very well made, with crisp and light grapefruit and peach flavours followed by floral notes and white pepper spice. Vegan.</i>		2023	49
Longavi, Glup	Chenin Blanc   Maule Valley, Chile   12% ABV <i>This wine is fermented on skins in amphoras. It has a stony mineral edge which combines well with the bright linear lemon and pear fruit. The fresh acidity compliments the purity of the fruit flavours on the palate and the wine finishes with a minty note</i>	Lower Alcohol	2022	50
Masi Tupungato, 'Passo Blanco'	Pinot Grigio/Torrontés   Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   12.5% ABV <i>An elegant, well made organic wine from an Italian wine maker using the classic white varieties from Italy and Argentina. Concentrated aromas, easy drinking and a long dry finish.</i>		2024	46
Fundo La Mora, Copero de Casalla	Muscat of Alexandria/Torontel   Casalla Valley, Peru   12.5% ABV <i>This is a rare example of a Peruvian wine made from criolla varieties grown near Pisco in Peru. Light, dry and fresh, this wine works well with our ceviche and seafood dishes.</i>	Criolla Varieties	2023	54
Otronia, 45 Rugientes Corte de Blancas	Gewürztraminer/Chardonnay/Pinot Grigio   Chubut, Patagonia, Argentina   13% ABV <i>Otronia is the world's southernmost commercial vineyard, at parallel 45, located by the shores of Lake Musters in the heart of Patagonia. This extreme location has a very dry and windy climate. The unusual blend offers a flamboyant nose of jasmine and citrus peel while the palate is fresh and bone dry with a long, aromatic finish. Vegan &amp; Organic.</i>		2018	49
Vallisto, Viejas Blancas	Riesling/Ugni Blanc/Sauv Blanc   Cafayate, Salta, Argentina   10% ABV <i>This quirky but delicious unfiltered white is fermented in 500 litre barrels using natural yeasts. With a hint of rhubarb on the nose, this is one for the curious oenophile - only a couple of thousand bottles were produced.</i>	Lower Alcohol	2021	55
Don Luis, Selección Reservada	Viognier   Guadalupe Valley, Baja California, Mexico   13.5% ABV <i>This peachy Viognier is a delicious tribute to Don Luis Agustin Cetto, for more than fifty years of developing the LA Cetto winery to become a leading Mexican wine producer. He died in April 2022.</i>		2020	53





### Pushing the Limits...

As the climate continues to warm and the weather becomes increasingly unpredictable, so winemakers are pushing into new and ever more extreme terroirs.

**Otronia** (pictured) is the world's most southerly commercial vineyard, on the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel, in a remote location near Sarmiento in Argentine Patagonia. Winters are cold with very strong winds and the growing season is short but intense with long sunny days. Winemaker Juan Pablo Murgia is producing some incredible wines that exemplify the pure and clean, yet harsh environment. We list their delicious **Rugientes 45 Corte de Blancas** (also by the glass) - an unexpected blend of **Gewürztraminer**, **Chardonnay** and **Pinot Grigio**.

When winemakers in Mendoza's Uco Valley brag about "high altitude" wines from their vineyards at 1,000-1,500 metres above sea level, those in Salta and Jujuy provinces in northern Argentina must be chuckling. Here you can find vineyards as high as 2,500-3,200 metres (over 10,000 feet) in the Upper Calchaqui Valleys. The intensity of the wines from these altitudes is astonishing. Look out for our lovely **Bonarda** from **Bodega Colomé** along with any other wines from Salta on our list. And from the other side of the Andes, in Chile's high altitude Elqui Valley, **Viñedos de Alcohuz** is producing some superb wines - including **Grus** - a blend of **Syrah**, **Petite Sirah** and **Garnacha**.

We have also added two other wines from an unlikely location: the equator. The **Dos Hemisferios** project - almost at sea level near Guayaquil in Ecuador is producing some remarkably good wines. The vineyards are cooled by the tail-end of the Humboldt current, which creates a unique microclimate in the valley. Try the **Enigma Chardonnay** (a blend of the best grapes from the double-vintage) or the excellent **Paradoja Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec**.



## WHITE WINES



				75cl Bottle
Cara Sur, Pérgolas, Criollas Blancas	<b>Torrontés blend   Calingasta Valley, San Juan, Argentina   12% ABV</b> <i>Cara Sur is a very personal project, which started in 2012 by Mendoza winemaker Sebastian Zuccardi and friends. Pergolas is made from a blend of grapes growing around the houses of villagers in the valley featuring two of the non-aromatic Torrontés varieties and other criolla grapes. Natural, rustic, simple... and superb! Vegan.</i>	<b>Criolla Varieties</b>	2022	58
Don Guerino, Sinais	<b>Itálico Riesling   Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil   13.2% ABV</b> <i>Gorgeous zingy dry white wine, with restrained melon, peach and citrus flavours, and very different from its German namesake.</i>		2023	61
Bodega Garzón, Reserva	<b>Albariño   Maldonado, Uruguay   13% ABV</b> <i>With a cool, moist Atlantic climate Uruguay is producing some excellent Albariños. The Garzon winery is crisp, with ripe aromas of white peach and citrus fruits, good structure, and a mouth-watering finish.</i>		2024	62
Errazuriz, Aconcagua Costa	<b>Chardonnay   Aconcagua Valley, Chile   13.5% ABV</b> <i>An elegant Chardonnay displaying tropical fruit, honey and floral notes on the nose. This is a beautifully crafted and well balanced wine from a Pacific coast vineyard offering a bright mineral edge and juicy mouth feel.</i>		2022	61
Zuccardi, Poligonos	<b>Verdejo   Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   13% ABV</b> <i>This wonderfully crisp, honest wine has a rich and deep expression of the San Pablo vineyard. Beautifully dovetailed tropical fruit with crisp acidity and terrific chalky minerality.</i>		2020	86
Guaspari, Vale da Pedra, Branco	<b>Sauv Blanc/Chardonnay/Viognier   Sao Paulo State, Brazil   14% ABV</b> <i>This unusual but elegant white blend offers citrus notes, grassiness and hints of unripe coffee. Stonefruit and other tropical flavours dominate on a fresh, dry palate with a mineral note and a long finish. Gusapari is a relatively new winery, set up on a former coffee plantation and has achieved almost cult status.</i>		2021	89
Dos Hemisferios, Enigma	<b>Chardonnay   San Miguel del Morro, Guayas, Ecuador   12% ABV</b> <i>The enigma is how a low-altitude vineyard almost on the equator can produce wine as good as this! The very best grapes are selected and vinified from both vintages in the year. 30% of the wine is then aged in French oak before final blending. The nose of tropical fruits and honey leads into an elegant, complex palate.</i>		2021	90



## Discover a continent of diverse wines!

Part of our mission at Paladar is to showcase the diversity of Latin American wines - not only in terms of grape varieties and styles but also in terms of the range of different wine producing countries and regions. As we say: It is more than just Malbec from Mendoza and cheap plonk from Chile! Brazil, Peru, Mexico and Ecuador all feature on our list, and we have been expanding our selection from Uruguay - a country that is very much up-and coming in terms of high-quality wine production: Definitely one to watch.

This photo shows the modern winery of **Bodega Garzón** in Maldonado, Eastern Uruguay, which is located 18Km from the Atlantic coast and just 160m above sea level. The mild maritime climate and ancient soils of Uruguay are very different to the dry, sunny, high-altitude terroir of many vineyards in Argentina and Chile. Grape varieties that thrive in this climate include **Tannat**, **Pinot Noir** and **Albariño** - and we list examples of the latter two from Garzón.

We now also list two unusual man-made red grape varieties, both artificially created in France in the 1950s/60s and both growing well in Uruguay. Look out for the **Marselan** from **Bodegones del Sur** and the **Arinarnoa** from **Bresemi**.

Some younger Uruguayan winemakers are being quite experimental: We now list a super **sparkling Albariño** from **Viña Progreso** and a low-alcohol natural wine '**Nakcool**' from **Proyecto Nakkal**. Adventurous oenophiles should try the **Bizarra Extravaganza** orange wine. And everyone should try a glass of **Pablo Fallabrino's** Alcyone - a sweet **fortified Tannat** to die for!

## RED WINES



				75cl Bottle
Mauricio Lorca, LORCA LO%	<b>Ancellotta/Malbec   Rivadavia, Mendoza Argentina   9.5% ABV</b> <i>This super light and easy-drinking red has just landed in the UK from the February 2025 harvest. Think of it as a sort of Argentine Beaujolais Nouveau - we recommend chilling it slightly and even thinking of it as a big rosé. Vegan.</i>	<b>Lower Alcohol</b>	2025	38
L A Cetto	<b>Zinfandel   Guadalupe Valley, Baja California, Mexico   14% ABV</b> <i>This lovely Zinfandel is made in a light, fresh style offering fruity aromas of red fruits and a well-balanced palate. A great value wine from a country better known for its Tequila and Mezcal!</i>		2019	40
La Ronciere, Cantoalba	<b>Pinot Noir   Fundo Idahue, Licantén, Chile   13% ABV</b> <i>This attractive bright Pinot Noir offers aromas of red and black fruit with hints of violet and coconut. Juicy tannins and a lovely freshness make this wine great value for money - it is also available by the glass.</i>		2022	44
Bodegones del Sur, Vineyard Select	<b>Marselan   Juanicó, Canelones, Uruguay   13% ABV</b> <i>This little known grape variety was created in France in 1961 by artificially crossing Cab Sauv with Grenache. Red berries on the nose leads to a velvety palate and a long finish. This is a great medium/full-bodied food wine and with a bit of age on its side is drinking well now - it is also available by the glass.</i>		2021	45
Viñas Queirolo, Intipalka	<b>Syrah   Ica Valley, Peru   14% ABV</b> <i>A well-structured wine from 25-year old vines, with light spices, dark berries and a hint of floral notes. The Queirolo family (originally from Italy) is one of the larger and most successful winemakers (and Pisco distillers) in Peru. This Syrah from their vineyards in Ica is super; if you haven't tried a Peruvian wine before, give this a go!</i>		2023	49
La Riojana, La Pausa	<b>Malbec   Famatina Valley, La Rioja, Argentina   12.5% ABV</b> <i>An enticing and easy-drinking medium/full-bodied organic Malbec from one of the less well-known wine making regions in Argentina. The winery's Fairtrade certification ensures that the local community has access to better education and healthcare in this remote but fertile valley. Vegan.</i>		2024	46
Casa Silva, Romano	<b>César Noir   Colchagua Valley, Chile   13.5% ABV</b> <i>This obscure grape variety hails from Burgundy, where it is used as a blending variety with Pinot Noir. Intense ruby red colour. Red fruits with hints of strawberry, cherry and earthy aromas on the nose. The palate offers a good structure with unctuous tannins and a good balance between structure and acidity.</i>		2020	54
Mauricio Lorca, Recoleta	<b>Criolla Grande   Mendoza, Argentina   13.5% ABV</b> <i>A natural cross between Criolla Chica (aka Listán Prieto) and Muscat of Alexandria, Criolla Grande makes a very light and refreshing red wine with an alluring body. We serve it slightly chilled.</i>	<b>Criolla Variety</b>	2023/24	46
Viña Salort	<b>Tannat   Canelones, Uruguay   13.5% ABV</b> <i>This grape variety originates in Southwest France, but has found a second home in Uruguay where it thrives. The tannins have been rounded out by oak ageing leaving it smooth and elegant on the palate with a lovely freshness.</i>		2022	55



## Full-bodied Reds - South America at its best!

South America is still best known for its big full-bodied reds and we showcase a diverse selection of interesting reds at moderate prices.

**Malbec**, of course, remains Argentina's "flagship" red. We love the intense expression from **Domingo Molina** in Salta. We recently added a high quality "sustainable" Malbec, **La Mascara**, from the Uco Valley in Mendoza which is bulk-shipped to London and bottled here. This autumn we also present an excellent Fairtrade, Organic and Vegan Malbec from the Famatina Valley in La Rioja region -also available by the glass. There are just a few bottles of the Bodega Norton L-118 Lunluta Malbec left on the Bin Ends list - grab them before they have gone!

But there are many more excellent red varieties to discover. We have three lovely **Syrahs** on the list: **Intipalka** is from the Ica Valley in Peru while the excellent **Pyros** is from the little-known Pedernal Valley in Argentina's San Juan province. At the top end, **Guaspari** is a relatively new winery in the hills of Sao Paulo province in Brazil. It is too wet during the summer to produce quality wine, but through a double-pruning technique they "trick" the vines into sleeping during the wet summer season and growing during the dry sunny winter months. The results are spectacular!

Chile is also producing some great reds. The **Carménère** from **Viña Arboleda** in the Aconcagua Valley is a tremendous example of this grape variety that last year celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year of "rediscovery" in Chile. Other super reds from Chile include **Viña Maquis**, **Lien** - led by a beautifully aromatic **Cabernet Franc** and **Viña Vik A Cabernet Sauvignon** - both are from Colchagua. Meanwhile, from the south of the country **Morandé** is producing an excellent **Carignan** from old vines in Maule. This is part of the VIGNO movement, promoting the revival of old Carignan vines in the province.

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La Mascara	<b>Malbec   Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   13.5% ABV</b> <i>Focusing on sustainability, this Malbec is made in Argentina but bottled in lightweight bottles in London, thus ensuring a lower carbon footprint. A well-priced Malbec showing that good quality doesn't have to cost the earth!</i>	2022	48
Don Guerino, Sinais	<b>Merlot   Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil   13.5% ABV</b> <i>Ruby-red, this unoaked Merlot offers juicy red fruits and smooth rounded tanins. With a little age on it this is drinking really well now!</i>	2021	57
Maturana Wines, Negra	<b>San Francisco   Loncomilla Valley, Maule, Chile   13% ABV</b> <b>Criolla Parent Variety</b> <i>This refreshing 'Negra' is made from the rare red San Francisco grape variety (aka Negramoll and Mollar). This wine boasts an intense nose of cherries, with appealing spice undertones. The palate is fresh, with plenty of red fruit flavours and soft tannins. We serve this wine slightly chilled.</i>	2022	59
Viña Arboleda	<b>Carménère   Aconcagua Valley, Chile   13.5% ABV</b> <i>This wine has a dense and dark cherry-red colour; It opens elegantly to reveal an elegant palate with soft, silky tannins and a long, pleasant finish: a great example of quality Carménère. Arboleda is a personal project from Eduardo Chadwick, undoubtedly one of Chile's premier winemakers. Vegan.</i>	2022	62
Bresesti, Pequeñas Colecciones	<b>Arinarnoa   Las Violetas, Canelones, Uruguay   12.5% ABV</b> <i>Pepper and spice and all things nice... this rich, full-bodied red is a real gem made from an unusual grape variety created by artificially crossing Cabernet Sauvignon with Tannat. We serve it slightly chilled.</i>	2021	59
Domingo Molina	<b>Malbec   Calchaquí Valleys, Salta, Argentina   14.8% ABV</b> <i>A rich and intense ruby red wine with notes of plum, dark cherries, vanilla and mocha on the nose. Elegantly structured with a long smooth finish, this is a great example of high altitude wines from Salta.</i>	2020	64
Pedro Parra, Vinista	<b>País   Itata, Chile   14% ABV</b> <b>Criolla Parent Variety</b> <i>100% País (aka Listán Prieto) sourced from 120-year-old vines. It is aged in concrete and stainless steel and defined by notes of concentrated cranberry, wild herbs and white pepper. This is one for the serious oenophile!</i>	2022	70
Colomé, Lote Especial	<b>Bonarda   Calchaquí Valleys, Salta, Argentina   14% ABV</b> <i>With fruit from the high altitude vineyards at Finca La Brava, this Bonarda shows aromas of black and red fruits. Concentrated and complex on the palate with round tannins and a lovely freshness on the finish.</i>	2021	68
Viña Maquis, Lien	<b>Cabernet Franc/Carménère/Cabernet Sauvignon   Colchagua Valley, Chile   14.5% ABV</b> <i>Aromas of licorice, cumin and bay leaf are appealing on the nose of this superb Cabernet Franc-led blend. The palate is fresh and slightly mineral, delivering red berries and eucalyptus.</i>	2018	69
Agustín Lanús, Sunal, Ilógico	<b>Criolla Chica   Calchaquí Valleys, Salta, Argentina   14% ABV</b> <b>Criolla Parent Variety</b> <i>This a tribute to Criolla Chica (aka Listán Prieto), the first grape variety brought by the Spanish conquistadors. Chalky, focused and saline, with redcurrant and pomegranate flavours, subtle tannins and a tapering finish.</i>	2020	72



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Cara Sur, Finca Maggio	<b>Moscatel Tinto   Calingasta Valley, San Juan, Argentina   13% ABV</b> <i>This fascinating natural wine comes from a rehabilitated 70-year old vineyard in the remote Calingasta Valley. Made in an artisinal style by Sebastian Zuccardi with minimal intervention, this is a very light cherry red colour with red fruits on the nose. Unfiltered, bright and light, delicious and refined.</i>	<b>Criolla Variety</b>	2022	75
Morandé, Adventure, VIGNO	<b>Carignan   Santa Elena Estate, Loncomilla Valley, Maule, Chile   14% ABV</b> <i>This intense purplish wine presents aromas of red and sour cherries and black plums, with subtle floral notes of violets, coffee, and dark chocolate. On the palate, cherries and raspberries, and toasted oak notes . Excellent persistence, concentration, and a tannic structure that promises a long life ahead.</i>		2018	75
Bianchi, Particular	<b>Cabernet Franc   Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   14% ABV</b> <i>An exceptional example of Cab Franc. Deep red colour with striking purple hues. Intense aromas of black and red berries, well-combined with sweet spices and balanced with vanilla and a hint of smokiness. Rounded with sweet tannins, succulent, bright, elegant and an excellent finish.</i>		2016	79
Pyros, Appellation	<b>Syrah   Pedernal Valley, San Juan, Argentina   13.5% ABV</b> <i>Rich and Intense, a spicy perfume characterises this wine with marked notes of dried and ripe fruit. It showcases the best of the Pedernal wines on the palate: fresh and juicy with a fine tannin texture.</i>		2018	72
Viña Vik, Vik A	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon/Carménère   Millahue, Colchagua Valley, Chile   14% ABV</b> <i>From one of the newest and most architecturally arresting wineries in Chile, this Cab Sauv (with a dash of Carménère) is seductive and structured with smooth cassis fruit, cocoa and ripe tannins.</i>		2021	72
Guaspari, Vale de Pedra, Tinto	<b>Syrah   Sao Paulo State, Brazil   14% ABV</b> <i>A superb quality Syrah from an exciting young multi-award-winning winery. Reminiscent of a Northern Rhône style wine: packed full of herbs,intense dark savoury-sweet fruit, and a delightfully long finish.</i>		2021	89
Dos Hemisferios, Paradoja	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec   San Miguel del Morro, Guayas, Ecuador   14% ABV</b> <i>The paradox is how such a great wine can be made from grapes grown at low altitude almost on the equator... This intense, deep purple wine is aged for 18 months in French oak before bottling and displays a plummy nose with hints of vanilla, coffee and coconut. Well blanced, roundedand complex on the palate. Give it a try!</i>		2018	94
Viñedos de Alcohuz, Grus	<b>Syrah/Petite Sirah/Garnacha   Elqui Valley, Chile   13.5% ABV</b> <i>Named after a constellation visible in the clear night skies above the high-altitude Elqui Valley, Grus is a full-bodied red made with input from one of Chile's most revered winemakers, Marcelo Retamal (Reta). The volcanic granitic soils and extreme climatic conditions make this a unique and memorable wine.</i>		2019	92
Masi Tupungato, Corbec Appassimento	<b>Corvina/Malbec   Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina   15% ABV</b> <i>The elegance of the Corvina grape, combined with the exuberant Malbec grape, produces a dark red wine that displays an intense bouquet of forest fruits and conserves, with hints of mint and cinnamon. Smooth and full-bodied with flavours of plums and cooked cherries, leading to a long, bitter cocoa finish.</i>		2019	90