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Conversations With Winemakers: Mendoza, Argentina



Synopsis

Conversations with winemakers: Mendoza, Argentina tells the story of the region through the words of its winemakers.

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Customer Reviews

--Very enjoyable and, as you'll see, even touching. More than the standard snobbish wine review full of esoteric and distancing descriptions, it is an engaging reminder of the challenges one faces and the rewards gained by heading to locales off the well worn tourist routes. Of course it describes Argentine wines authoritatively and in detail, but by describing the insanely hard work and memorable personalities of the men and women who've created successful vineyards from scratch it provides context and a grounding that makes each sip of my (admittedly inexpensive) Malbec more of an experience. The author's personal notes, and willingness to describe intensely personal aspects of his life, stay in my mind long after I put 'Conversations...' down, sort of paralleling the aftertaste (is that the term) of an unusually fine wine you want to stay with a few moments more after drinking.

My new favorite in the Conversations with Winemakers series. All of the books offer a collection of entertaining tales, practical tips and historical backdrop, which together create a very accessible education about the different wine regions. I found the personal adventures in this installment particularly enjoyable. The book dedicates attention to the long tradition of wine making in Argentina, as well as new trends in South American wines and up and coming winemakers. I loved

the interviews with Paul Hobbs and Alberto Zuccardi.

A very readable and informative little monograph on wines and winemakers in the Mendoza region of Argentina. A very useful introduction both to the history and philosophy of the high altitude grower and vintners in this desert area with very high calcium alluvial soil which makes for fine Malbec and other varietals. Will surely make you want to go out and become familiar with the wines of Argentina if you are not already and if you are already will enhance your understanding of what's available. Combines travel, geography, history, and wine descriptions in an easily readable format. Christopher Barnes has produced a delight.

I first truly appreciated Argentinian wines after a serendipitous encounter with Alma Negra in Buenos Aires in 2006. This book has further fueled my love of the country's wines. In an easily digestible format, Barnes brings its winemakers -- as well as the bottles in my collection -- to life, and makes me yearn for another visit a decade later. I greatly look forward to his next volume in this fantastic series.

Such an excellent book, full of insightful comments on a fascinating heritage and positioning in the world of wine. The personalities and their response to pertinent questions give this reader a fine sense of the Argentinian wine industry. Thank you Christopher Barnes and your team!

Generally I only drink first growth Bordeaux. However after reading Conversations with Winemakers I have been inspired by this unique and fascinating book. These pioneering, driven Malbec producers are making wines that I am excited to try. Life is too short to drink poor wine. An excellent read.

I am very familiar with Christopher's writing and give this a fantastic review. His knowledge of wine is top notch and I trust his opinions on all things wine. The book is fantastic and well worth the read.

Having tried some of these marvellous wines I can confirm that Barnes' latest book is a triumph of both style and substance that will entertain and inform in equal measure.

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