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## Celebrating a wine mentor

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The Altos Los Hormigas Clasico Malbec 2011 is grown at or above 800 metres on mostly low vigour soils in the Valle de York City Uco, Mendoza. The 2011 follows the excellent 2010, once again offering a fragrant mix of red and black fruit flavours flecked with smoky dried herbs notes. Textures are ultra-silky; the style Euro-classy. Serve for dinner. Great value.

John Levine was well known to many in the Vancouver wine community from his earliest days, when he was arguably the first restaurateur in the city to see wine as part of the business and, more importantly, something that might attract a broader base of customers to his establishments. He