



ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS

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“In wine, there’s truth.” - Pliny the Elder

Exciting things are happening with ALH! With new projects, new releases and scores flooding in from various wine journalists and competitions, we wanted to send you an update on what has us so busy. So please bear with me while I recap for you our latest developments:

- Antonio Morescalchi, Founder and CEO

Colonia Las Liebres Sparkling Bonarda Rosé!!!

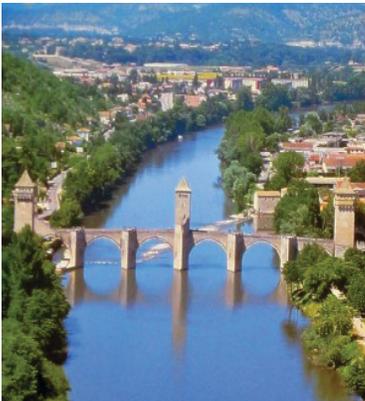
As crazy as it might sound, this bubbly tastes really good, believe me! This is our second attempt at traditional method, the previous one went to the gutter, but now we have teamed up with the best Argentine producer of bubbles, and the result is truly amazing.



100% Bonarda, the grapes come from a vineyard in Tupungato, Valle de Uco, with limestone soil above 1.000m of altitude, and I’m sure you will be surprised by it. The style is bone dry, with fresh fruit at the start, a light yet tense palate, with nice, small bubbles, and a delicate, persistent, chalky finish. You don’t need \$60 anymore if you prefer your bubbles without sugar. Salud!

Cahors Project

Things here are ready to go! Our first three wines, very small production, will be released for sale by the end of the year. Limited production. We have stepped over something that is almost too good to be true: think of a cross of Barolo and Argentine Malbec. If interested, please get in touch.



Malbec Clásico 2013

A new chapter in Malbec. The 2013 Clásico is rolling now. 100% Mendoza Malbec, this wine is tense, clean, bright with lots of fresh fruit, with almost neutral oak ageing. See some of the awards and notes this wine has already received:

Gold Medal - NY International Wine Competition

87 Pts - James Suckling

“..juicy and fruity with plum and berry character, with a little chocolate too.”

87 Pts - Wine Spectator

“Well-cut flavors of red plum, dark cherry and raspberry are flanked by cream and chocolate notes. ...supple and spicy finish.”

Malbec Terroir 2012

Only a bit of our 2012 Malbec Terroir is still available, but not for long. Receiving 91 points by WA made it fly through the window. Hurry if you want some. Our 2013 is almost ready, and you can expect it to be really great! As you may have noticed, this wine is moving toward a more definite limestone character, and the 2012 and 2013 vintages are clear steps in that direction.

91 Pts - Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate

“...notes of cherries and hints of curry and other spices, very fluid and fresh. Great value and great malbec.”

Malbec Reserve 2012

Vintage 2012 is almost gone, and there will be a gap between when the 2013 will be available. I have to admit that I am in love with this wine. If this is not a Classic of the region, I wonder if there will ever be one. (Apologies for the self celebration)

94 Pts - Tim Atkin

“Tangerine and Asian spice on the nose and palate, with well-integrated oak and a very chalky finish.”

90 Pts - James Suckling

“Full body with ultra-fine tannins, with a long...mineral finish.”



ALH Bodega and vineyards against the snow-capped Andes in August.



ALH vineyards being tended to.

Single Vineyard

We haven't made this wine in many year, 2007 being our last released vintage. We will release another vintage when we achieve a level of complexity and a unique character that satisfies us, and justifies the price. For the moment we will concentrate on our Appellation Line.

Appellation Line

For those of you who have not been paying attention, this line is the core of what we do today. The three Appellation wines represent who we are, and what we believe in.

Their production will increase in the next few years. These wines are already at the top of all the serious rankings of Argentine wines. Get on board guys, this is the time.

Vista Flores, Altamira, Gualtallary, those three appellations are the best, they have a true personality, and will give people a lot to talk about:

Vista Flores: pleasure and power

92-94 Pts (2012) - Robert Parker

“...medium-bodied, with sophisticated tannins.”

Altamira: finesse and feminine character

93-95 Pts (2012) - Robert Parker

“It has superb deliniation and purity...A tour de force Malbec.”

Gualtallary: Untamed, wild complexity

94-96 Pts (2012) - Robert Parker

“At this quality level, this is a real bargain.”

In our vision, this is the future of Malbec.



Left: Recent Appellation scores from James Suckling.

Right: Winemaker Leo Erazo digging soil pits in Altamira.

