



# **ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS**

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*“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -- took the one less traveled by.” - Robert Frost*

The last few months have been nothing short of exciting here at Altos Las Hormigas.

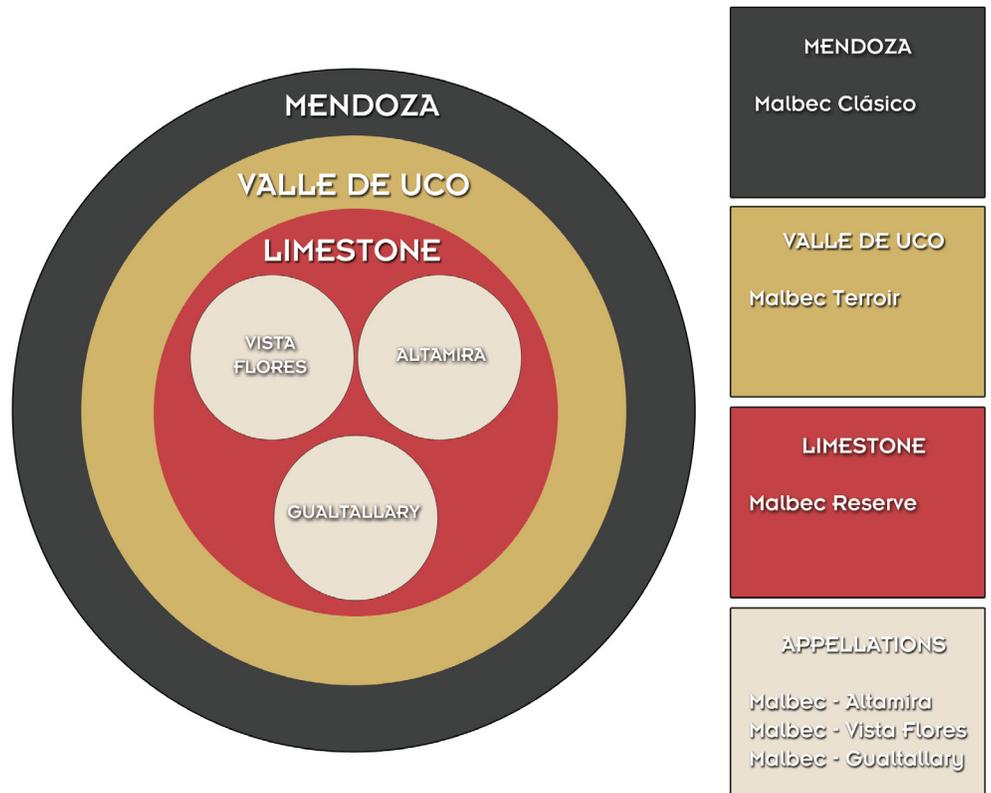
## **Terroir Project**

Since 2008, Altos Las Hormigas has focused on making Terroir-driven wines that show a sense of place in Mendoza. We understand that the Terroir concept is wide and sometimes difficult to explain to consumers. There has been a need to express this concept with an easy-to-understand graphic. Below, we present an easy-to-understand graphic of how our portfolio of Malbec is laid out. If you would like a full PDF of this graphic, including a break down of all of our wines, and their characteristics please e-mail our Communications Manager, Nicholas Berube at [communication@altoslashormigas.com](mailto:communication@altoslashormigas.com).

# **Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Portfolio of Wines**

## **Terroir in a Bottle**

Our portfolio of Malbec Wines work like a zoom lens on the Terroir and place of origin. It starts from a comprehensive view of the Mendoza appellation, and progressively focuses in, toward smaller and more specific sites. This wine journey will guide the aficionado through Mendoza, from the friendly Malbec Clásico, to the pinnacle of Gualtallary Terroir Character. Balance is of essence and our top priority, and all our wines are meant to be great food companions. Remember: Terroir wines are to be tasted by the mouth first.



## Tim Atkin MW Recent Scores

We are pleased to announce the recent scores awarded to our wines by Master of Wine, Tim Atkin. In addition to the below score, **our Malbec Clásico scored an impressive 91 points!**



**Tim Atkin** MW **ALTOS LAS HORMIGAS**  
2015 ARGENTINA REPORT

**MALBEC APPELLATION GUALTALLARY 2013 - 96 Points**  
The most aromatic and the most refined of Altos' sub-regional Malbecs, this is sourced from comparatively young vineyards. Scented, subtle and very chalky, it's a classic example of a new style of Argentinian Malbec. Textured and very pure, this is classy winemaking from Alberto Antonini and his team.

**MALBEC APPELLATION VISTA FLORES 2013 - 96 Points**  
Unusually for Vista Flores, this vineyard has a high limestone content because of its proximity to a dry creek. Plus and concentrated, but with no new oak influence, this is further proof that this Chilean/Italian winery belongs in Argentina's first rank.

**MALBEC APPELLATION ALTAMIRA 2013 - 94 Points**  
Of the three sub-regional Malbecs from Altos, this is the one that has the least limestone in its soils, but it still shows some of the chalky restraint. Sweet and supple, with pure red fruits, good freshness and fine-grained tannins.

**MALBEC RESERVE 2013 - 93 Points**  
The Reserve bottling from Altos is only sourced from vineyards on limestone soils in the Uco Valley. The result is a more intense wine with a chalky bite, showing blackberry and black cherry flavours and the faintest kiss of oak.

**MALBEC TERROIR 2013 - 92 Points**  
It says Mendoza on the label, but this comes from the Uco Valley and is typical of the new Altos style, with the emphasis on fruit rather than oak. Complex, silky and wonderfully perfumed, this is sappy refreshing with red fruit flavours that are almost Pinot Noir like.

## Harvest 2015

Harvest began a few weeks earlier this year with warm weather beginning in Spring and continuing through the Summer months. Our final grapes were harvested March 23rd, and the work now continues in the bodega. We will be releasing our annual Harvest Report in the next few weeks, so please keep an eye out for that.



Left: One of our many hard working behind-the-scenes laborers.

## Appellation Line

The Malbec Appellation Line is the core and the pinnacle of our Terroir Project. By selecting three different appellations from the limestone terraces of the Uco Valley, we are producing Malbecs that truly show a sense of place, getting where origin shows his unblurred face Vista Flores, Altamira, Gualtallary, those three appellations stand out on everything else, they have a true personality, and are giving tasters a lot to talk about:

The 2013 Appellations vintages are ready to roll out, so you can make your order now.

If you, or your customers want to taste an older vintage, there is still a small quantity of 2011 Vista Flores and Altamira available.

In our vision, this is the future of Malbec.

## Bonarda Brut Rosé

Soon, we will be releasing our 2014 CLL Bonarda Brut Rosé. This is the second vintage for our sparkling wine, and again we are quite impressed with the results. This beautifully colored rosé is completely dry, and offers a nose and palate packed full of bright red fruit, balanced acidity, delicate bubbles and a crisp finish that will have consumers saying, "wow!"

## Cahors Project

We are happy to announce that our first vintage of Cahors wine will soon be released in the United States and United Kingdom.

Working side-by-side three producers, we utilized their knowledge of their vineyards, and our know-how to create three wines we feel are a reflection of Cahors limestone, and our vision for Terroir-driven Malbec.

