

# ARGENTINAS BEST VALUES

## The Wine Advocate Reviews and Scores

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### Bodega Goulart - Lujan de Cuyo ~ Mendoza

#### **88 pts** 2007 Bodega Goulart Clasico "C" Malbec

The 2007 Clasico "C" Malbec is dark ruby-colored with an enticing nose (especially for this price point) of spice box, earth notes, violets, black cherry, and black raspberry. Ripe, sweetly-fruited, and spicy, this pleasure-bent effort has no hard edges. Drink it over the next 3 years.

#### **91 pts** 2007 Bodega Goulart The Marshall "M" Malbec

The 2007 The Marshall "M" is 100% Malbec aged for 18 months in 40% new French oak. Opaque purple-colored, it offers up a nose of toasty new oak, cinnamon, allspice, violets, black cherry, and blackberry. On the palate it is rich, savory, and plush bordering on opulent. With excellent depth and grip, this substantial effort will evolve for another 2-3 years and offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2029.

#### **88 pts** 2007 Bodega Goulart Reserva "R" Malbec • Cabernet Sauvignon

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#### **87 pts** 2008 Bodega Goulart Torrontes "T"

Goulart's 2008 Torrontes "T" is light straw-colored with a fragrant nose of baking spices, lychee, pineapple, and a touch of citrus. Crisp, dry, and lively, this vibrant, balanced effort will offer pleasure over the next 1-2 years.

#### **92+ pts** 2007 Bodega Goulart Grand Vin Malbec

Bodega Goulart's flagship 2007 Grand Vin Malbec is made by Luis Barraud, a partner in Vina Cobos. It was aged for 18 months in new French oak. A glass-staining opaque purple color, it displays a brooding but promising nose of balsam wood, graphite, mineral, violets, incense, and black cherry. Medium- to full-bodied on the palate, the wine is a bit reticent but has layered black fruit flavors, plenty of spice, ripe tannin, a smooth texture, excellent balance, and a fruit-filled finish. Give it 4-6 years of additional cellaring and drink it from 2014 to 2027.

### Viña Alicia - Lujan de Cuyo ~ Mendoza

#### **90 pts** 2007 Viña Alicia Paso de Piedra Cabernet Sauvignon

Ditto for the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso de Piedra which received the same elevation. It exhibits an enticing nose of spice box, cassis, black currant, cedar, and tobacco. Elegant on the palate, it has lots of sweet fruit, excellent depth, savory flavors, impeccable balance, and a lengthy finish.

### **89 pts 2007 Viña Alicia Paso de Piedra Malbec**

The 2007 Malbec Paso de Piedra spent 10 months in barrel. Purple-colored, it offers up a fragrant bouquet of spice box, violets, black cherry, and plum. On the palate it has excellent depth and concentration, layers of spicy black fruit, light tannin, and 2-3 years of aging potential. This is a super value that over-delivers big-time.

### **92 pts 2006 Viña Alicia Morena Cabernet Sauvignon Seven Clones**

The 2006 Morena Cabernet Sauvignon Seven Clones includes 10% Cabernet Franc in the blend (it is grown as a field blend with the Cabernet Sauvignon). The wine was aged in new French oak for 18 months. A saturated purple color, it exhibits herbal notes from the Cabernet Franc along with toasty new oak, mineral, cigar box, black currant, and a hint of chocolate. Smooth-textured and round on the palate, the wine has plenty of ripe, fine-grained tannin, layers of savory fruit, and an overall elegant personality. It will profit from 2-3 years of additional cellaring and drink well through 2018.

### **96 pts 2006 Viña Alicia Brote Negro Malbec**

The 2006 Brote Negro is 100% Malbec but of a particular type that the winery believes is a mutation in their 100-year-old Malbec vineyard. These grapes are picked separately after the harvest of the regular Malbec. They are aged in 50% new French oak for 14-16 months. Opaque purple/black in color, it offers up a brooding bouquet of balsam wood, underbrush, lavender, black cherry, and blueberry compote. On the palate notes of licorice, raisins, cinnamon, and raspberry make an appearance. Dense and rich, this full-flavored, totally hedonistic wine is a contender for Argentina's best Malbec.

### **93 pts 2007 Viña Alicia Malbec**

The 2007 Malbec, sourced from ungrafted vines with an average age of over 100 years. It was aged for 12 months in new French oak. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it displays a brooding nose of wood smoke, graphite, spice box, black cherry, and plum. Medium- to full-bodied, dense opulent, and rich on the palate, it has incipient complexity, superb grip and concentration, and a lengthy finish. It will benefit from 3-4 years of additional cellaring and offer prime drinking from 2012 to 2022.

### **92 pts 2008 Viña Alicia Tiara**

Vina Alicia's impressive portfolio contains one white wine, the 2008 Tiara, a blend of 50% Riesling, 40% Albarino, and 10% Savagnin (a grape native to the Jurancon region in France). The grapes are co-fermented and the wine raised in stainless steel for one year with batonnage. Light straw colored, the wine has an alluring and expressive bouquet of mineral, citrus, lemon, and floral aromas. Shimmeringly vibrant on the palate, the wine has superb acidity, dry, ripe flavors, and exceptional length. There are only 100 cases of this unique effort for the USA market.