

# EXPERIENCE MENDOZA

## *An Insider's Guide for travel and wine adventure*

We created The Vines of Mendoza eight years ago - a wine lover visiting from the United States, and a Mendoza lawyer whose family has made great wine for generations.

Since 2005 we have shared tips and inside information with our friends and family that visit Mendoza. The wineries and restaurants here are the places we eat, drink and enjoy ourselves. Many of them won't be listed in a travel book or website. They're fabulous, sometimes hidden spots for you to enjoy, and none of them have paid to be included in this guide. We want you to see the best of Mendoza - the greatest wines, most authentic restaurants, and thrilling adventures in the Andes.

We also have a website, [experiencemendoza.com](http://experiencemendoza.com), that offers additional travel information. If we can assist you with your trip, please contact us personally at [michael@vinesofmendoza.com](mailto:michael@vinesofmendoza.com) or [pablo@vinesofmendoza.com](mailto:pablo@vinesofmendoza.com).

*Enjoy your time in Mendoza!*



Michael Evans



Pablo Giménez Riili

Co-founders, The Vines of Mendoza



# OUR TOP BODEGAS TO VISIT

## UCO VALLEY

### CLOS DE LOS SIETE

Clodomiro Silva s/n - Vista Flores - Tunuyán (261) 156-687680 - [www.clos7.com.ar](http://www.clos7.com.ar)

Created in 1998 by world famous French winemaker Michel Rolland, Clos de los Siete is a project of four different French wineries, including Monteviejo, Cuvelier Los Andes, DiamAndes and Michel's own winery, Bodega Rolland. All involved were selected for creating some of the world's best Gran Cru wines. Many unique activities are paired with their wine tastings.

\*Our Pick: Cuvelier Gran Malbec

### GIMENEZ RIILI

Ruta Provincial 94 s/n - Los Sauces - Tunuyán (261) 498-7863 - [www.gimenezriili.com](http://www.gimenezriili.com)

Owned and run personally by the Gimenez Riili family, this premium boutique winery is located in the heart of the Uco Valley. It offers an authentic Argentine experience, with a view into their winemaking process during intimate winery tours. Guests can enjoy a tasting with Torrontes, Malbec, Merlot and Sparkling wine. The optional asado is highly recommended.

\*Our Pick: Malbec Gran Reserva

### LA AZUL

Ruta Provincial 89 s/n - Agua Amarga - Tunuyán (2622) 422-108 - [www.bodegalaazul.com](http://www.bodegalaazul.com)

With a commitment to contemporary, boutique artistry, winemaker Flavia Manterola selects only a fraction of each season's grape harvest to produce exclusive, first-rate wines. The personalized attention at this tiny and humble winery is a real treat.

\*Our Pick: La Azul Gran Reserva

### SALENTEIN

Ruta Provincial 89 - Los Árboles - Tunuyán (2622) 429-500 - [www.bodegasalentein.com](http://www.bodegasalentein.com)

Located in the heart of the Uco Valley, Salentein is one of the most historical and yet modern wineries in Mendoza. Grand production

meets high style at this magnificent steel and concrete, cross-shaped monument to winemaking.

\*Our Pick: Primus Pinot Noir

### THE VINES OF MENDOZA WINERY

Ruta Provincial 94 s/n - Los Sauces - Tunuyán (261) 438 1031 - [www.vinesofmendoza.com](http://www.vinesofmendoza.com)

Taste top quality Argentine wines made by consulting winemaker Santiago Achaval and Pablo Martorell. During barrel and bottle tastings, learn about different Argentine varietals and terroir. Blend your own wine, and also sharpen your skills with the expert staff, learning what it takes to taste wine like a master.

\*Our Pick: Recuerdo Gran Corte

## LUJAN DE CUYO

### ACHAVAL-FERRER

Cobos 2601 - Perdriel (261) 489-2247  
[www.achaval-ferrer.com](http://www.achaval-ferrer.com)

Passionately committed to producing small quantities of fine red wine, Achaval Ferrer's Finca Bella Vista Malbec 2010 was ranked one of the 10 best in the world by Wine Spectator in 2012.

\*Our Pick: Finca Altamira

### BELASCO DE BAQUEDANO

Cobos 8360 - Agrelo - (261) 524-7864  
[www.belascodebaquedano.com](http://www.belascodebaquedano.com)

This winery operates with modern techniques to create elegant wines. The true draw for visitors, though, is their one-of-a-kind aroma room where you can test your skills at identifying 46 scents.

\*Our Pick: Swinto Malbec

### BODEGA BENEGAS

Carriñ Araoz 1600 - Mayor Drummond  
(261) 496-3078 / 496-0794 [www.bodegabenegas.com](http://www.bodegabenegas.com)

A historic treasure constructed in 1901, this bodega is one of the oldest wineries in Mendoza with ancient vines growing along the banks of the Mendoza river. All grapes for their wines are estate-grown

and the wines are quickly garnering international prestige.

\*Our Pick: Benegas Lynch Cabernet Franc

### BODEGA BRESSIA

Cochabamba 7725 - Agrelo  
(261) 524-9161 - [www.bressiabodega.com](http://www.bressiabodega.com)

Be sure to make a reservation at this beautiful family-run winery. Owner/winemaker Walter Bressia designed his winery after an old train station. He crafts delicate wines in small quantities using the highest quality grapes and technology with a minimalist philosophy.

\*Our Pick: Profundo

### BODEGA RENACER

Brandsen 1863 - Perdriel  
(261) 524-4416 / 524-4417 [www.bodegarenacer.com.ar](http://www.bodegarenacer.com.ar)

Their popular and hip wines reflect the synergy between joint winemakers Alberto Antonini, one of the most renowned winemakers from Italy, and Mendocinian Héctor Durigutti. They offer informative and interesting tastings - try their wine blending session

\*Our Pick: Punto Final Reserva Malbec

### CAELUM

Ruta Nacional 7 Km 1060 - Agrelo  
(261) 156-992890 [www.bodegacaelum.com.ar](http://www.bodegacaelum.com.ar)

Brother and sister Constanza and Hernan put a great deal of passion and energy into their wine. They specialize in making classic varietals such as Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay with a distinct European style with winemaker Guiseppe Franceschini.

\*Our pick: Caelum Chardonnay

### CATENA ZAPATA

Cobos s/n - Agrelo  
(261) 413-1100 - [www.catenawines.com](http://www.catenawines.com)

Learn about one of Argentina's great winemaking families, along with the microclimates, soils and elevation that define the Mendoza terroir.

\*Our Pick: Angélica Zapata Malbec

## OUR TOP BODEGAS TO VISIT

### EL LAGAR CARMELO PATTI

San Martin 2614 - Mayor Drummond  
(261) 498-1379 / 155-601020

Carmelo, easily one of the most charming winemakers you will meet in your lifetime, personally conducts tours, drawing wine straight from the barrel. If your Spanish isn't fluent, bring a translator as you don't want to miss this charming wine legend's anecdotes and philosophies on winemaking.

\*Our Pick: Gran Assemblage

### MENDEL

Terrada 1863 - Mayor Drummond  
(261) 524-1621 - [www.mendel.com.ar](http://www.mendel.com.ar)

This charming winery wins you over not only with their amazing wines, but also with their gracious hospitality. The wines are made by famed Argentine winemaker Roberto de la Mota, who is unquestionably dedicated to producing singular wines from their 80 year-old vineyards.

\*Our Pick: Mendel Unus

### PULENTA ESTATE

Ruta Provincial 86 Km 6.5 - Agrelo  
(261) 155-076426 - [www.pulentaestate.com](http://www.pulentaestate.com)

Eduardo Pulenta has created a simple and casually elegant winery with beautiful construction, with an informative tour and impressive tasting. We've never met a Pulenta Estate wine that we didn't like.

\*Our Pick: Gran Cabernet Franc

### VIÑA COBOS

Costa Flores y Ruta Nacional 7 - Perdriel (261) 479-0130 -  
[www.vinacobos.com](http://www.vinacobos.com)

Taste award winning wines at this boutique winery by the renowned winemaker Paul Hobbs.

\*Our Pick: Finca Marchiori Cabernet Sauvignon

### MAIPÚ

#### CARINAE

Videla Aranda 2899 - Cruz de Piedra - (261) 499-0470 / 524-1629  
[www.carinaevinos.com](http://www.carinaevinos.com)

Named for a constellation only visible during the South American wine harvest, this boutique gem is owned by a French couple with a combined passion for the sky and the Mendoza terroir.

\*Our Pick: Carinae Prestige

### DOMAINE ST DIEGO

Franklin Villanueva 3821 - Lunlunta - (261) 155-395148

This family of winemakers created a real garage winery with a limited production of excellent wines. Angel Mendoza, founder and owner of the winery is a renowned winemaker with a prestigious career.

\*Our Pick: Paradigma

### TEMPUS ALBA

Carril Perito Moreno 572 - Coquimbito  
(261) 481-3501 - [www.tempusalba.com](http://www.tempusalba.com)

The Biondolillo family shares every detail of the technological and manual processes that produce "honest, noble, complex and unique wines", tended, as they will proudly tell you "Just as a father raises a son".

\*Our pick: Tempus Vero



# OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

## CITY RESTAURANTS

### 1884 FRANCIS MALLMANN \$\$\$

Belgrano 1188 - Godoy Cruz - (261) 424-2698  
www.1884restaurante.com.ar

Housed inside Bodega Escorihuela, 1884 features Francis Mallmann's exquisite dishes made with seasonal ingredients. Opt for a coveted garden table for a glimpse of the traditional wood-fire oven.

### ANNA BISTRO \$\$

Juan B. Justo 161 - Mendoza City  
(261) 425-1818 - www.annabistro.com

Offering one of the best outdoor dining spaces in town, the French-influenced menu is packed with rich, tantalizing fare. This is an ideal spot for a café, afternoon cocktail or a full meal.

### AZAFRÁN \$\$

Av. Sarmiento 765 - Mendoza City  
(261) 429-4200 - www.azafranresto.com

Azafrán, meaning saffron, exudes the warmth and exoticism of the spice that inspired its name. Chefs cook meat to perfection and lend a creative touch to each dish from its eclectic menu.

### DON MARIO \$\$

25 de Mayo 1324 - Dorrego - Guaymallén  
(261) 431-0810 - www.donmario.com.ar  
Ruta Panamericana (Palmares Open Mall) - Godoy Cruz (261) 439-4838

Ask Mendocinos where to find the best steak in town and they will undoubtedly direct you to Don Mario. This no-frills Argentine parrilla is famous for its hefty portions of bife de chorizo (sirloin steak).

### EL PALENQUE \$

Av. Arístides Villanueva 287 - Mendoza City  
(261) 429-1814

This warm, festive restaurant/bar is where locals come to nibble, sip, see and be seen (especially at the sidewalk tables).

### FRANCESCO \$\$\$

Chile 1268 - Mendoza City  
(261) 429-7182 www.francescoristorante.com.ar

Francesco's sophisticated menu, elegant ambiance and attentive wait staff make for exceptional Italian dining. Excellent pasta in a beautiful outdoor garden await at this centrally located restaurant.

### GRILL Q PARRILLA ARGENTINA \$\$

Chile 1124 - Mendoza City  
(261) 441-1225 - www.mendoza.park.hyatt.com

A venue for traditional Argentine asado located in the Park Hyatt. They serve authentic Argentine meats in a cozy atmosphere. Join in the craze for delectable bife de chorizo, lomo de cerdo and heavenly matambre.

### MARIA ANTONIETA \$\$

Belgrano 1069 - Mendoza City  
(261) 420-4322 - www.mariaantonietaresto.com

Enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner with a simple, elegant ambience. Homemade pastas, steaks, salads and unforgettable baked goods will keep you coming back for more.

### SIETE COCINAS \$\$

Av. Mitre 794 - Mendoza City  
(261) 423-8823 - www.sietecocinas.com.ar

Chef Pablo del Rio makes you feel at home at this hip minimalist restaurant. Seasonal menus are inspired by the seven different regions in Argentina and often comprise lamb, local river fish and, of course, beef.

### THE VINES TASTING ROOM \$\$

Belgrano 1194 - Mendoza City  
(261) 438-1031

In Mendoza's City Center, The Vines of Mendoza Tasting Room offers wine lovers the chance to discover over 100 of the very best boutique Argentine wines by the glass or through guided wine flights.

### THE VINES WINE BAR & VINOTECA \$\$

Chile 1124 - Mendoza City - (261) 441-1274

At The Vines Wine Bar & Vinoteca in the Park Hyatt Mendoza, you can purchase more than 100 of Argentina's best wines to carry or ship home, as well as enjoy wines by the glass.



## OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

### **BODEGA LUNCHES**

#### **ANDELUNA CELLARS \$\$\$**

Ruta Provincial 89 Km 11 – Gualtallary Tupungato (2622) 423-226  
www.andeluna.com

Ensnore yourself in this scenic setting and experience authentic Argentine cuisine created in the warm exhibition-style kitchen.

#### **CHANDON \$\$\$**

Ruta Provincial 15 Km 29 – Agrelo – Luján de Cuyo  
(261) 490-9969 / 490-9963 www.bodegaschandon.com.ar

With modern-French baroque touches, you can discover the perfect pairing with the flavors and aromas of the cuisine, dishes are made to enhance the characteristics of each Chandon's sparkling wines.

#### **FINCA DECERO \$\$**

Bajo las Cumbres 9003 – Agrelo – Luján de Cuyo  
(261) 524-4747 - www.decero.com

The stunning vista offers relaxation as you indulge in good wine and food from one of Mendoza's top chefs, Matias Podesta, who combines local ingredients and international styles.

#### **PAN & OLIVA - FAMILIA ZUCCARDI \$\$**

Ruta Provincial 33 km 7,5 - Fray Luis Beltrán Maipú (261) 441-0000 -  
www.casadelvisitante.com

The restaurant has developed an international reputation for its delicious Argentine menu presenting regional and seasonal products. From all tables people can enjoy vineyard and mountain views while enjoying tapas, pastas, salads and homemade dishes.

#### **RUCA MALEN \$\$\$**

Ruta Nacional 7 Km 1059 - Agrelo - Luján de Cuyo  
(261) 413-8909 - ww.bodegarucamalen.com

Indulge in an exquisite five-course wine pairing luncheon right in the vines with commanding views of the snow-capped Andes.

#### **SIETE FUEGOS ASADO BY FRANCIS MALLMANN \$\$\$**

Ruta Provincial 94 s/n - Los Sauces - Tunuyán  
(261) 438 1031 - www.vinesofmendoza.com

Enjoy authentic Argentine grilling at it's finest at Siete Fuegos Asado

at The Vines of Mendoza. The fire-inspired menu is custom prepared by Argentine legend Francis Mallmann.

#### **TERRUÑO IN CLUB TAPIZ \$\$**

Ruta Provincial 60 Km 2.5 – Russell – Maipú  
(261) 496-0131- www.club-tapiz.com.ar

Terruño reflects the essence of regional cuisine with an international flair. It offers dishes made with local products and vegetables from their organic garden.

## FOR A BEER OR A COCKTAIL

### **CACHITAS \$\$**

Av Sarmiento 784 | Mendoza City  
(261) 15 576 2244

### **WILLIAM BROWN \$**

Av. Arístides Villanueva 301 | Mendoza City  
(261) 420-0693

### **PH PUBLIC HOUSE \$\$**

Av. Arístides Villanueva 282 | Mendoza City  
(261) 425-4272

### **JEROME PUB**

Arisitides Villanueva 347 | Mendoza City  
(261) 420-4091



# ADVENTURE IN MENDOZA



*Head from a wine tasting to the mountains for rafting, ziplining, and tons of other outdoor activities. Ride through the Andes on horseback toward majestic and monstrous Mt. Aconcagua.*

## ARGENTINA RAFTING

*The place to go for a full day of fun - rafting, ziplining or horseback riding in Potrerillos*

Amigorena 86 - Mendoza City

(261) 429 - 6325

[www.argentinarafting.com](http://www.argentinarafting.com)

## KAHUAK

*Outdoor adventures including bikes and wines, horseback riding, and trekking.*

San Martin 1134 - Godoy Cruz

(261) 424-3380

[www.kahuak.com.ar](http://www.kahuak.com.ar)

## DISCOVER THE ANDES

*Specializes in mountain treks to Aconcagua and surrounding summits.*

(261) 156-71967 | [www.discovertheandes.com](http://www.discovertheandes.com)

## RIO EXTREMO

*All the adventure at the Uco Valley*

Dique Valle De Uco - Ruta 92 Tunuyán

(261) 571-1554 - [www.rioextremo.com.ar](http://www.rioextremo.com.ar)



Whether you have just one day or one week, these tour experts can connect you with all of Mendoza's best options.

## AMPORA WINE TOURS

[www.mendozawinetours.com](http://www.mendozawinetours.com)

(261) 429-2931

## TASTING MENDOZA

[www.tastingmendoza.com](http://www.tastingmendoza.com)

(261) 426-6191 / 154-544322

## AVENTURA AND WINE

[www.aventurawine.com](http://www.aventurawine.com)

(261) 429-3014

## THE GRAPEVINE

[www.thegrapevine-winetours.com](http://www.thegrapevine-winetours.com)

(261) 429-7522 / 429-6596

## DISCOVER THE ANDES

[www.discovertheandes.com](http://www.discovertheandes.com)

(261) 156-571967

## TROUT AND WINE

[www.troutandwine.com](http://www.troutandwine.com)

(261) 425-5613

## KETEK

[www.ketekevt.com](http://www.ketekevt.com)

(261) 420-1226

## UNCORKING ARGENTINA

[www.uncorkingargentina.com](http://www.uncorkingargentina.com)

(261) 429-6955

If you want to organize your own trip you can find resources at [experiencemendoza.com](http://experiencemendoza.com).

## HOTELS

### MENDOZA CITY

#### CASA LILA B&B \$

Nicolás Avellaneda 262, 5ta sección, Mendoza City |  
(261) 429-6349 | [www.casalila.com.ar](http://www.casalila.com.ar)

#### DIPLOMATIC \$\$

Belgrano 1041, Mendoza City | (261) 405-1900  
[www.diplomatic.parksuites.com.ar](http://www.diplomatic.parksuites.com.ar)

#### EXECUTIVE PARK SUITES \$

San Lorenzo 660, Mendoza City | (261) 413-1000  
[informes@parksuites.com.ar](mailto:informes@parksuites.com.ar) | [www.parksuites.com.ar](http://www.parksuites.com.ar)

#### GRAN ARGENTINO \$

Espejo 455, Mendoza City | (261) 405-6300  
[www.argentino-hotel.com](http://www.argentino-hotel.com)

#### HUENTALA HOTEL BOUTIQUE \$\$

Primitivo de la Reta 1007, Mendoza City  
(261) 420-0766 | [www.huentalala.com](http://www.huentalala.com)

#### NH CORDILLERA \$\$

España 1324, Mendoza City | (261) 441-6464  
[www.nh-hotels.com](http://www.nh-hotels.com)

#### PARK HYATT \$\$

Chile 1124, Mendoza City | (261) 441-1234/5  
[www.mendoza.park.hyatt.com](http://www.mendoza.park.hyatt.com)  
[reservas@hyattintl.com](mailto:reservas@hyattintl.com)

#### PLAZA ITALIA B&B \$

Montevideo 685, Mendoza City  
(261)-423-4219 | [www.plazaitalia.net](http://www.plazaitalia.net)

#### SHERATON \$\$

Primitivo de la Reta 989, Mendoza City  
+54 (261) 441-5500

#### VILLAGGIO \$\$

25 de Mayo 1010, Mendoza City | +54 (0261) 524-5200  
[www.hotelvillaggio.com.ar](http://www.hotelvillaggio.com.ar) | [info@hotelvillaggio.travel](mailto:info@hotelvillaggio.travel)

### OUTSIDE THE CITY

#### ANTUCURA \$\$\$\$

Barrandica s/n, Vista Flores | Tunuyán | Mendoza  
(261) 425-5324 | [www.casaantucura.com](http://www.casaantucura.com)

#### CAVAS WINE LODGE \$\$\$\$

Costa flores s/n, Alto Agrelo M 5507 | Luján de Cuyo  
Mendoza | (261) 410-6927 / 28 or 261-479-0200  
[www.cavaslodge.com](http://www.cavaslodge.com) | [reservas@cavaswinelodge.com](mailto:reservas@cavaswinelodge.com)

#### CLUB TAPIZ \$\$

Pedro Molina Ruta 60 s/n | Maipú | Mendoza  
(261) 496-3433 | [www.tapiz.com](http://www.tapiz.com)

#### FINCA ADALGISA \$\$\$

Pueyrredón 2222, Chacras de Coria | Luján de Cuyo  
Mendoza | (261) 496-0713/3512  
[www.fincaadalgisa.com.ar](http://www.fincaadalgisa.com.ar)

#### POSADA SALENTEIN \$\$\$

Ruta Provincial 86 and Videla Finca la Pampa,  
Los Arboles | Tunuyán | Mendoza  
(2622) 42-3550/42-9000  
[www.bodegasalentein.com](http://www.bodegasalentein.com)



*The Vines of Mendoza creates extraordinary Argentine wine experiences in our Mendoza city and the Uco Valley Tasting Rooms, our Private Vineyard Estates, in the production of Recuerdo Wines, and through The Vines Resort & Spa, opening September 2013.*

### PRIVATE VINEYARD ESTATES & VILLAS

Imagine owning your own vineyard at the base of the towering Andes and crafting your own wines with Santiago Achaval, The Vines of Mendoza's consulting winemaker. Set amidst 1,000 acres in the prestigious Uco Valley, a limited number of professionally-managed 3 - 10 acre Private Vineyard Estates are available for purchase. We also offer luxury Villas for purchase and rental at The Vines Resort & Spa, ([www.vinesresortandspa.com](http://www.vinesresortandspa.com)), opening in September 2013.

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