



Gouguenheim vineyard, Uco Valley

## Around Argentina in Six Bottles

### *Mixed Six*

#### INTRODUCTION








On my latest visit to Argentina just last year, *writes James Tanner*, I came back with the sense that Argentina is now a mature wine-producing country, with plenty of ambitious winemakers goading each other to do better. They're pushing into exciting new areas, identifying top sites in established regions – like the Uco Valley, for example – while also looking beyond Malbec (great though it is) to a wider variety of grape types. In this Mixed Six, we focus on just two producers.

**Gouguenheim** is a fairly small operation, located on the way to Mendoza, within the Uco Valley. Patricio Gouguenheim, an international businessman and great supporter of his wines through Tanners, sadly passed away last year. Well before that, he brought his sons Gonzalo and Santiago into the business, and Santiago's wife, Maggie, is also now on

board. Together, they're doing great work. They have 95 ha of vines and a practical, no-frills winery where they produce excellent wines, such as their Pinot Noir, aromatic Torrontés and Malbec fizz – a pink, fruity Prosecco alternative.

In Luján de Cuyo, on the famous Route 40 entering Mendoza, is **Don Cristóbal**, founded by another businessman – this time from the oil industry – Eduardo Lapania. Now 82, Eduardo has been a regular visitor to Shrewsbury over the years. His son, Cristóbal, left economics and banking to run the estate. We tasted with Diego Medina, head winemaker, and Noelia Verdejo, oenologist, and witnessed their pride in producing Tanners Malbec. This is a great source of both red and white wines across the spectrum. Alongside Malbec, they do a particularly good Bonarda, another red variety that is unique to Argentina and a ripe Chardonnay.

## THE WINES


- 1. Tanners Argentinian Malbec, Mendoza** Bin No: TR052  
Juicy, open nose, full and ripe palate with lovely black and red fruits and an appealing fresh character make this an ideal all-rounder.  
- 2. Gouguenheim Pinot Noir, Valle de Uco, Mendoza** Bin No: TR063  
Intense aromas of raspberries and cherries, with mint notes. Medium-bodied wine, with soft, silky tannins and well-balanced acidity.
- 3. Cristóbal 1492 Bonarda, Mendoza** Bin No: TR019  
Full, round and very juicy, with sweet damson and pretty, floral, blueberry fruit supported by a little rich oak. Generous indeed and a great easy-drinking alternative to Malbec.  
- 4. Gouguenheim Malbec Bubbles, Sparkling Rosé Extra Brut, Mendoza** Bin No: FI119  
This characterful sparkler is full of delicate red fruit aromas and flavours of strawberries and bright cherries. There is a lovely fresh juiciness on the palate, beautiful balance and tiny bubbles.  
- 5. Gouguenheim Torrontés, Uco Valley, Tupungato, Mendoza** Bin No: TW018  
Beautifully balanced zippy white, without the over-perfumed character this variety can sometimes have. Lovely and zesty with refreshing grapefruit notes.
- 6. Cristóbal 1492 Chardonnay, Mendoza** Bin No: TW014  
An attractive nose of exotic fruits is followed on the palate by more peachy fruit. The palate is fresh and clean with generosity, the finish long and fine. 

SYMBOLS:  vegetarian  vegan  organic  biodynamic


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