



TANNERS

WINE MERCHANTS



Malbec grapes on the vine

Taste the Grape: Malbec

Half Dozen

INTRODUCTION

Deep, dark and bursting with flavour, Malbec is one of the world's most celebrated red grape varieties and a best-seller at Tanners. A thin-skinned, sun-loving variety, it requires lots of heat to ripen well, although the thin skin can make it prone to disease. Known for its rich colour and robust tannins, it can range from savoury and rustic to plush, velvety and fruity, depending on where it's grown.

MALBEC AROUND THE WORLD

Thriving in the sun-drenched vineyards of Mendoza, Argentine Malbec produces intense, supple and juicy wines that are approachable when young but also age gracefully. These crowd-pleasing styles have propelled the grape into the spotlight, making it one of the most fashionable choices on wine lists and shelves today.

But Malbec's story doesn't begin in Argentina. It originates in France, where it was once widely used in Bordeaux blends.

Today, it's more commonly found in South-West France, especially in Cahors, where it produces the famously deep and tannic 'black wines'. You will also find it in the Loire Valley, where it often goes by the local name, Cot.

TYPICAL FLAVOURS

Blackberry • Plum • Cocoa • Baking Spices

FOOD PAIRING

Ribeye Steak • Portobello Mushroom Burgers • Smoked Sausage & Caramelised Onion Pizza • Lentil & Bacon Casserole

NOT YOUR USUAL MALBEC

Did you know that Malbec doesn't just produce rich, robust reds? At Tanners, you'll find alternative styles which offer a refreshing take on the rich red style: Gouguenheim Malbec Bubbles and Las Pampas White Malbec.

THE WINES

1. Tanners Argentinian Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

Bin No: TR0052B

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 Blue Melosa (Malbec), Flores del Valle, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

Bin No: TR0047B

A rich, dark wine, with red and black fruit character on the nose and palate, a delicious creamy vanilla spice note and a lovely, lifted finish. It is very well balanced with good length.

3. José Zuccardi Malbec, Vallé de Uco, Argentina

Bin No: TR0075B

An elegant Malbec with opulent notes of black cherry, cassis and violet, layered with hints of cocoa and sweet spice. Silky tannins, vibrant freshness and a long, velvety finish showcase the finesse of the Uco Valley.

4. Cahors, Malbec, Château Haute-Borie, France

Bin No: MR0125B

Blackberry and violet on the nose gives way to a palate of dense blueberry and blackcurrant flavours, with good structure and super ripeness. The tannins are fine and silky and there is excellent length.

5. Cahors, La Métairie, Malbec, Métairie Grande du Théron, France

Bin No: MR0127B

Very silky with wonderful ripe black fruits on the nose and palate, black cherries in particular. Excellent freshness with supple and elegant tannins mean that this is a very classy, complex and balanced wine.

6. Cahors, Pur Plaisir, Malbec, Château Haut-Monplaisir, France

Bin No: MR0128B

Blackcurrants and blackberries on the nose lead to a superbly balanced palate with concentrated black fruits, hints of eucalyptus and cocoa and really good underlying freshness.

SYMBOLS:  vegetarian  vegan  organic  biodynamic

Ordering from Tanners

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