



Altura Máxima Malbec

Country:	Argentina	Region:	Salta
Type:	Red	Varietal:	Malbec
Format:	3 x 750ml		

BC	AB	SK	MB
+294363	+802709		
Speculative	Open		

TASTING NOTES

- Colour:** Bright dark ruby.
- Aroma:** Bold aromas of black cherries, blue berries, rosemary, vanilla and spices.
- Taste:** Intense, deep concentration of red and dark berries, enlivened by high-altitude acidity.
- Food:** Pairs well with steak, braised lamb shank, stew, and venison.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2019 ~ 97 Points. "Made with fruit from what is now the second highest vineyard in the world, with grapes grown between 2,900 and 3,111 metres, this amazing Malbec has established itself as one of Argentina's very best reds. Dipping below 15% alcohol for the first time - the result of earlier picking - it's plush, perfumed and alluring, with fine 25% new wood, detailed tannins, racy acidity and layers of plum, violet and bramble. World class. 2024-35" - Tim Atkin MW, Argentina Special Report 2022

2019 ~ 95 Points. - Descorchados, 2025

2019 ~ 95 Points. "Sourced from vines just 10 years old, planted at 3,111 meters in altitude and aged for 18 months in neutral barrique, the 2019 Altura Maxima Malbec opens with a beautifully intense, inky, herbal and coiled nose. The palate echoes with an incredibly dense, compact, concentrated mouthfeel with a bracing core buttressed with pure mineral tension. It concludes with a long, layered and subtly woody finish that lingers with additional mineral-driven nuances and balsamic flourishes. This is a superb expression from one of the highest-elevation vineyards on the planet." - Matthew Luczy - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, May/2025

2019 ~ 94 Points. "The 2019 Malbec Altura Maxima originates from a vineyard planted at 3,111 meters in the Payogasta area of the Calchaquí Valley. This intense red wine, with its purple hue, reveals notes of blackberry, balsamic and bay leaf. Dry and compact, it draws overpowering energy from its acidity and rich balance, culminating in a distinctive and flavorful finish. This is a concentrated red crafted from vines at extremely high altitude." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Nov/2023

2019 ~ 93 Points. "Lots of depth here, with blackberries, asphalt, wet-stone minerality and savory, roasted spice. A concentrated, brooding red with lots of ripeness, but still juicy. Wrapped by powdery and dusty tannins. If it weren't for the hint of warmth at the end, this would have rated higher. Has potential, though. Better after 2024." - James Suckling, Mar/2022

2019 ~ 90 Points. "Floral nose with warm black fruit notes, touches of graphite and black olives. Cedary palate, complex and concentrated. Warm finish." - Decanter World Wine Awards 2024

2019 ~ 90 Points. "Aged already in bottle for several years, the 2019 Malbec Altura Maxima is hitting its peak, perfumed in dark fruit and leather, with a gravelly texture. Dried fruit and dried herb accent a full-bodied, concentrated, and dense palate of high acidity and moderate length." - Virginie Boone - Jeb Dunnuck, May/2025

2018 ~ 97 Points. - Tim Atkin MW, 2021

2018 ~ 95 Points. "The super intense 2018 Altura Maxima Malbec has notes of black olives, soy sauce, decayed violets, ripe fruit and exotic spices and woods, and it feels very different from the rest of the range. This is an exceptional wine from one of the highest commercial vineyards in the world, reaching 3,111 meters above sea level. The palate is full-bodied, and the wine is very intense and ripe at 14.5% alcohol. In 2018, they harvested earlier, the equivalent to the 1st of October in the Northern Hemisphere. It's full-bodied, round, large, concentrated and powerful, exceptional and different." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Nov/2022

2018 ~ 95 Points. "The grapes for this Malbec made by Thibaut Delmotte were grown at 3,100m in Payogasta, which accounts for its extreme, exotic character. The wine was aged 24 months in oak to tame its natural vigour. Sharp acidity provides balance, while the complex nose delivers cherry, ripe plum, Greek olives, lavender, thyme and sage. It's opulent with vivid freshness and polished tannins, making for a truly pleasurable experience." - Decanter, Aug/2023

2018 ~ 94 Points. "The 2018 Malbec Altura Maxima is made with grapes from a vineyard planted at a height of 3100 feet in Payogasta, Calchaquí Valley and was aged for 24 months. A high altitude red, it presents a ripe, balsamic nose with notes of redcurrant and hints of bay leaf, plum jam and chutney. In the mouth, it's sheer intensity and juice with heightened freshness and finely grained tannins that underline the lengthy palate which delivers good grip and flavor. A wine of excellent aging potential and longevity." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Nov/2021

2018 ~ 93 Points. "A medium-to full-bodied red with perfumed aromas of violets, rose hips, brambleberries, cassis and rock salt. Concentrated, yet fresh with firm, finely knit tannins and tight layers of wild flowers and dark berries. Try from 2023." - James Suckling, May/2021

OTHER INFO

With the Andes as the backdrop and close to the borders of Bolivia and Chile, the Salta region of Argentina is less accessible than better known wine regions in the country; some have called the area impenetrable. The true expression of terroir in this Malbec comes from the extreme altitude at which the vineyard sits, it receives much more sun, much less UV protection, producing thicker skinned grapes that deliver a more robust mouthfeel supported by fresh acidity. Since 2005, Winemaker Thibaut Delmotte has crafted wines of distinction and international acclaim for Bodega Colome while staying true to his French origins.



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