



# **Argentine Viticulture**

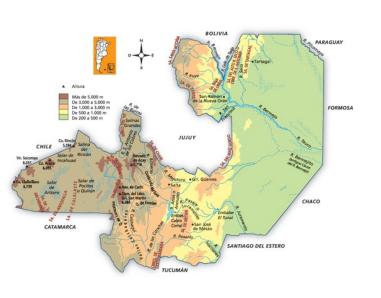
With a total of 511,512 acres of vineyards, the winegrowing region of Argentina is located on the Western edge of the country, at the foot of the Andes mountain range. It extends 1,500 miles in length, from 42° S to 22° S.

The altitudes in this region range from 1,500 feet to over 6,000 feet above sea level.

Located in arid regions, annual precipitation varies from 6" to 16", which makes irrigation an integral facet of viticulture.



# Salta The New Pearl of Argentina



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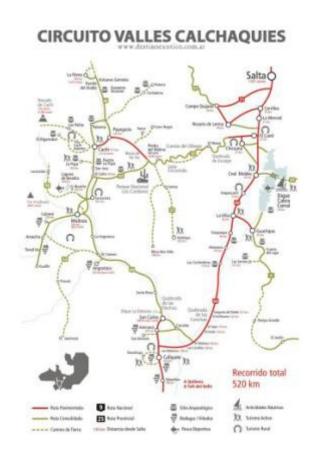
It is one of the oldest regions for producing wines and dates back to the age of the Spanish conquistadors. A boutique wine region which produces only 2% of Argentina's wine.

Salta has the highest altitude vineyards in the world, the highest with elevations over 6,000 feet above sea level.

With each harvest Salta gains more attention as the newly rediscovered "pearl" of Argentina.



# Valle Calchaqui - The Heart of Salta



The Calchaqui Valley is the principal wine producing region of Salta and surrounds the city of Cafayate.

The region has sunny days which allows excellent maturation and concentration.

The high altitude vineyards benefit from the cool Andean nights to achieve balance and elegance.

The high thermal amplitude and powerful sunlight produce intense flavors and aromas.



**Estancia Los Cardones** 

# Estancia Los Cardones A Unique Terroir

Estancia Los Cardones is a lone vineyard appellation located high on the eastern slopes of the Valle de Calchaquis.

The soil profile is very rocky, with abundant splintered shale surface stones with crushed mica, lending savory minerality to the wines.

An elevation of 5,900' leads to very intense sunlight, producing concentrated, thick skinned Malbec.

Cold mountain nights ensure excellent natural acid retention, imparting freshness, elegance and balance.





## **ANKO Torrontés**

Varietals: 100% Torrontes

Fermentation: Gentle whole cluster pressing followed by 8

hour cold maceration at 8° C. Natural yeast

fermentation and max. temp. of 23° C. Total fermentation time of 14 days. No malolactic

fermentation.

Oak Aging: No oak aging.

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3,55

Total Acid: 6,05

This soil profile lends a distinct salty minerality to the Torrontes fruit. The grapes are harvested early in order to showcase their distinct jasmine floral aromas and citrus fruit profile. Natural acidity lends a bright, clean finish.





### **ANKO Malbec**

Varietals: 100% Malbec

Fermentation: Gentle destemming, 7 day cold maceration at

10° C. Natural yeast fermentation at max. temp of 20° C for 13 days. Extensive cap management

of pumping overs, punching downs and

delestage for the first 8 days. 100% malolactic

fermentation.

Oak Aging: 6 months in French oak 7% new.

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3,75

Total Acid: 5,7

This soil profile lends a distinct salty minerality to the Malbec fruit. This Malbec shows a dark forest berry fruit profile with delicate aromas of crushed violets. The stony soils lend a marked minerality to the wine's long, yet fresh finish.



#### ANKO Flor de Cardon Malbec

Varietals: 100% Malbec

Fermentation: Gentle destemming, 10 day cold maceration at

7° C. Natural yeast fermentation at max. temp of 18° C for 18 days. Extensive cap management of

pump overs, punch downs and delestage

for the first 12 days. 100% mal-lacic

fermentation.

Oak Aging: 12 months in French oak, 20% new.

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3,73

Total Acid: 5,67

For the Flor de Cardon Malbecm we select those lots in the vineyards with the highest content of rocky surface stones — a profile which causes much lower yields of Malbec fruit with exceptional concentration. These stony patches also lend a mineral texture to the wine and a finely grained tannin structure.









- > Salta is a boutique wine region in the far northwestern corner of Argentina.
- Estancia Los Cardones has an extreme altitude of almost 6,000' elevation producing very intense sunshine for highly concentrated, thick skinned Malbec.
- Stony, splintered shale soils with crushed mica produce a savory minerality.
- ➤ Cool mountain nights lend freshness, elegance & balance.

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