



## Patricia Ortiz President and Owner Tapiz, Zolo, and Wapisa Wineries

Patricia Freuler Ortiz, an avid art collector and former nephrologist, has imparted the need to strive for both artistic and scientific excellence in winemaking. To that end her Zolo winery (Agrelo, Mendoza) and Tapiz winery (San Pablo, Uco Valley) are staffed with some of Argentina's most passionate and successful wine professionals and the most state-of-the-art technology. Patricia has focused her efforts on creating sustainable winemaking. In addition to hiring one of Argentina's top winemakers (Fabian Valenzuela) and vineyard managers (Carlos Correas), Patricia also brought on Jean Claude Berrouet (former winemaker at Petrus) as consulting winemaker.

Her Zolo and Tapiz wines are two of the top selling and critically-acclaimed Argentine brands in the U.S. and each include Top 100 Wines of the Year. In 2017 Patricia and her team became pioneers with Wapisa: the only winery in coastal Patagonia. In 2022, Patricia won the La Nación's Women to the World prize. La Nación, Argentina's most important newspaper, chose Patricia for her groundbreaking work as a successful woman leader of the wine industry.

Patricia is the owner and President of three wineries (Tapiz, Zolo, and Wapisa) and nine sustainably-farmed vineyards in different parts of Argentina and is the first female president of Bodegas de Argentina, the industry trade group.

Patricia is also the owner of Mendoza's top lodging and spa destination: Club Tapiz. Club Tapiz is located in an estate built in 1890 surrounded by 22 acres of vineyards. Club Tapiz was declared Historical, Architectural and Tourist Heritage of the Region. Patricia is the Argentine Director of the Wine in Moderation program.

Patricia, who lived many years in the U.S. and speaks fluent English, is one of Mendoza's top ambassadors to the world. In 2019 she became the first female President of Bodegas de Argentina and in 2023 she was nominated by Wine Enthusiast as Executive of the Year.



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