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James, who in your opinion is making the most exciting wines in Argentina today?

User Name: **James Molesworth** Posted: **10:04 AM ET, June 14, 2006**

Excitement is the word for Argentina - the racy, vivid fruit that Malbec provides, particularly from some of the old vine vineyards scattered throughout Mendoza, set Argentina apart. In my opinion, the wines of Achával-Ferrer, particularly the Finca Altamira bottling, are the most exciting wines right now, but there are others who deserve mention as well. Viña Cobos' Marchiori vineyard bottling, the Alta line from Catena Zapata, the Reserva from Altos Las Hormigas, the Alto bottling from Alta Vista and the Acrux from Bodegas y Viñedos O. Fournier (now called Alfa Crux).

Also, further south in Patagonia, Bodega Noemía de Patagonia is quietly turning out a gorgeous Malbec.

Reference my last tasting report on Argentina in the Nov. 15, 2005 issue, or use our web search for more results - there are too many 90+ point Malbecs to mention here.

Unfortunately though, price is becoming an issue. As stunning as the Viña Cobos Marchiori Malbec and Bodega Noemía de Patagonia wines are, \$150 is out of line. The just released '04s from Achával-Ferrer will now top \$100 a bottle as well.