



## BODEGAS VERUM

### Verum Malbec

#### Region

The most southerly wine region in South America, Rio Negro runs along the river of the same name. It's a small region, with only 1,600 hectares under vine, but vines have been grown here since the 1800's. The altitude (at 250 m.a.s.l.) is low by Argentine standards but due to latitude, the region still enjoys the wide diurnal temperature variation that gives a long growing season. Alluvial soils, with a significant limestone component, support production of excellent cool-climate Pinot Noir and promising old-vine Malbec.

#### Producer

Situated in Patagonia, Argentina's southernmost winemaking region, is a valley surrounded by windy, deserted lands and irrigated by water flowing from the Andes. Alto Valle de Río Negro, the source of Patagonia's biggest river, is the South American home of Bodegas Verum – a partnership between the Del Rio Elorza boutique winery and winemaker, Elías López Montero. This exceptional terroir produces wines that display a distinct homage to Burgundy – benefitting from the same cooler temperatures and consequent long, slow maturation as that area of France. Expect elegant expressions of pure, delicate fruit from this avant-garde project focused on making the most of varieties adapted to the unique Patagonian conditions.

#### Viticulture

The vineyard is 18 years old from its plantation with a density of 5,500 plants / ha. The soils are clay loam with a high iron content. The training system is unilateral cord and guyot. Yield of 8000 kilos per hectare. Harvest by hand.

#### Vinification

The vatting of the fermentation is carried out with 30% whole bunches and the rest with destemmed grapes. Spontaneous fermentation with indigenous yeasts.

#### Tasting Note

Red fruit, plums and blueberries combined with subtle vanilla, toast and spices. Well-balanced with good tannin ripeness accompanied by freshness and persistence.

#### Food Matching

Perfect accompaniment to red meats and pastas with a tomato based sauce.

#### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	Argentina
<b>Region</b>	High Valley, Rio Negro, Patagonia
<b>Altitude</b>	245 m.a.s.l.
<b>Blend</b>	100% Malbec
<b>Winemaker</b>	Elias Lopez Montero and Lucas Quiroga
<b>Body</b>	Full
<b>Oak</b>	8 months, 30% in French oak
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	2.4 g/l
<b>Closure</b>	Cork
<b>Vegan</b>	Yes
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Yes
<b>Organic</b>	No
<b>Biodynamic</b>	No
<b>Sustainable</b>	No
<b>Allergens</b>	Sulphites