

LOVEBLOCK

Perched right on top of the hills overlooking Marlborough's Awatere Valley, our Loveblock is far removed from the agricultural bustle in the valley below. From here you can almost see the end of the planet, the peace lifts you above your troubles. We are charged with creating the best wine we can to express this extraordinary place with its unique aspect.

At the heart of our farming and winemaking practice is respect, environmental care and deep sustainability, from soil to bottle.

2022 Marlborough Pinot Gris Organic. Single Vineyard.

Vineyard Notes

The grapes come from our family-owned Loveblock Farm in Lower Dashwood and were sourced entirely from our certified-organic Triangle vineyard. Here on the valley floor, the vineyard soils are aged alluvial loams containing some silt loam over stone. Organic management decreases the vigour of the vines, reducing berry size and hence overall yields. The grapes were harvested in late March yielding nine tonnes per hectare.

Vinification

In making a dry style of Pinot Gris, we have to manage the vine to give physiological ripeness at low Brix, so that the wine is not overly alcoholic. Organic management does this for us, with the competition from the wild flowers and grasses forcing the vine to struggle. Once the grapes were deemed ripe, the fruit was machine harvested and membrane pressed immediately (no preservatives were added in the field to reduce the grape phenolics). The juice was then floated and inoculated with certified organic *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast in stainless steel tank.

5% of the wine was fermented in neutral old French oak barrels then pumped back into the tank 3 months later. Once finished, the wine was cold stabilised and bottled in October 2022.



Tasting Notes

Colour: Pale with golden touches.

Aroma: Elegant aromas of rockmelon yield to layers of chamomile and citrus.

Palate: Beautiful prosciutto-wrapped melon, Nashi pear and fruit notes are underscored with lingering texture, mouthfeel and linear acidity. The palate is complex, finishing with hints of wet stone minerality.

Food Match: A wine to enjoy with delicate Asian flavours, seafood of all sorts or just simply by itself.

Cellar: Up to 10 years.

Organic Status: Certified organic – BioGro #5266.

Vegan Friendly

Analysis

Alcohol	13.0%
pH	3.44
TA	7.1 g/l
Residual sugar	4.7 g/l

Winemaker: Kim Crawford

Tasted: October 2022



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NORTON

1895 Colección Torrontès 2022

Argentina / Mendoza

Paying tribute to the founding year of Bodega Norton, the 1895 Colección wines capture the spirit of Argentina. Each wine in the collection showcases fresh, approachable styles meant for everyday enjoyment. The Torrontès offers floral aromatics with a medium bodied expression of Argentina's signature white wine grape.

HARVEST NOTE

2022 was a nail-biting vintage that proved rewarding for great winemaking teams like Bodega Norton's. A dry cool spring set the tone for drought, and historic frosts reduced potential yields by nearly 25%, all leading to concentration. Nearly the entire annual rainfall came in two weeks, rushing white grapes in early and resulting in tension and freshness.

TASTING NOTE

Greenish yellow with hints of gold. Intense aromas of white peach, rose petal, and jasmine. Pleasant and well balanced on the palate.

TECHNICAL DATA

GRAPES: 100% Torrontes

APPELLATION: Mendoza

PH: 3.07

ACIDITY: 6 g/l

ABV: 13.4%

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Grapes are sourced from Argentina's finest terroirs.
- 100% Torrontès showcases purist characteristics of the varietal.
- Newer vines showcase fresh, vibrant fruit flavors.



Founded in 1895, Bodega Norton is one of the most awarded Argentinean wine brands in the U.S. with more than 150 international wine awards to date. Bodega Norton combines a modern, state-of-the-art facility with rich heritage and old world charm. David Bonomi, Chief Winemaker



ICON
RANGE



THE FMC 2023 (FORRESTER MEINERT CHENIN)

TASTING NOTES

The pinnacle of what we consider to be the finest expression of the grapes of this varietal – an icon chenin!

Rich, layered with dried apricot, vanilla and honey. Will gain additional complexity with cellaring.

ACCOLADES:

The FMC 2022

Platter's 2024 – 5 stars (97 points)
National Wine Challenge 2023 –
Double Platinum & Top 100
Gilbert & Galliard – Double Gold (93 points)

The FMC 2021

Tim Atkin – 93 points
Platter's 2023 – 4½ stars (93 points)
Jamie Goode (Wineanorak) – 94 points
Gilbert & Galliard – Double Gold (93 points)

The FMC 2020

Tim Atkin – 94 points
Decanter World Wine Awards – Silver (90 points)
National Wine Challenge 2022 – Double Platinum
Platter's 2022 – 4½ stars (93 points)

The FMC 2019

Tim Atkin – 93 points
National Wine Challenge 2020 – Double Gold
Greg Sherwood MW Wine Safari – 95 points
Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show – Gold (96 points)
Platter's 2021 – 4½ stars (93 points)

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Chenin Blanc

VINEYARD

Region: Stellenbosch

Soil: Duplex soils, sandy material on a ferricrete bank on patches of deeper clay.

Locality: South-south-west

HARVEST

Primarily from a vineyard planted in 1974, with no trellis system, hence "goblet" or bush vines. This vineyard produces very limited yields and by passing through the vineyard to make 23 selections of fruit across a 4/5-week window, we truly capture the essence of this fantastic site.

Yield: 3 tons per hectare

IN THE CELLAR

The wine is all fermented with native yeasts, spontaneously in large 400 litre French oak barrels and aged for 10-12 months, before careful selection of the best barrels and assemblage.

ANALYSIS

Alc 13.0	TA 6.3	RS 8.4	pH 3.43
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FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Enjoy with special friends as an exciting aperitif or with lobster or langoustine. Enjoy with your best seafood/shellfish. Great with exotic Eastern spiced foods.

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2021 HICKINBOTHAM CLARENDON GRENACHE

From a site whose slopes are steeped in rich history, we source this Grenache from unirrigated bush vines planted in 1962. Its distinctive fruit is nurtured with a gentle wild fermentation and matured in grand 'cocciopesto' egg shaped amphorae. Capturing a contrasting expression of detailed perfume and a loose knit weave of tannins.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

We had a very favourable growing season, with good winter rains and a mild flowering and fruit set period. Continued spring rainfall ensured a healthy canopy. The yields were pleasing and showed good balance between vine vigour and moderate berry size. The ripening period that began late January was very cool, with some welcome rainfall in mid-February. This delayed harvest, and with the cold nights and mild sunny days we were very pleased with fruit ripeness and intensity. The freshness and bright natural acidity of the fruit were a real feature.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked on the 23rd of March and selectively berry sorted. 100% destemmed, crushed and tipped into 1800 L 'cocciopesto' stone egg shaped amphoras. The fermentation occurred in the amphoras, a gentle maceration of only wetting the cap. 69% remained on skins in Amphora for 198 days. No pressings are used in this wine. Matured exclusively in the amphora for a total of 13 months.

ACCLAIM

95+ POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, September 2023

95 POINTS — Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion*, July 2023

95 POINTS — Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*, January 2023

95 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022

Hickinbotham Grenache

VARIETY

100% Grenache Noir

REGION

Clarendon, McLaren Vale

YEAR PLANTED

1962

BLOCK 301

0.9 hectares

SOIL

Brown clay loam with weathered and broken siltstone (saprolite)

GEOLOGY

Belair Subgroup
(750 million years old)

ELEVATION

225 - 230m above sea level

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Flower

ALCOHOL

14.5%

PH TA

3.52 5.4 g/L



WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane



HARAS DE PIRQUE



GALANTAS

Classification

Cabernet Franc Gran Reserva – Chile – Organic Wine

Grapes

85% Cabernet Franc, 15% Carménère

Vintage

2018

Climate

The 2018 will be remembered at Haras de Pirque as a great vintage. The climate, tendentially cool, has allowed to enhance the aromas and flavors of the Maipo Valley grapes. The Cabernet Franc harvest took place in two separate moments: in early April in the case of the high-lying vineyards while the valley floor plots were picked at the end of the same month. The Carménère, a late ripening grape variety, was picked in mid-May instead.

Vinification and aging

The four separate Cabernet Franc vineyard plots and the Carménère were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks and french oak casks. The cold, pre-fermentation maceration lasted from three to five days and aimed at fully bringing out the aromatic components of the grapes. After the fermentation, which utilized solely spontaneous yeasts, the wine went into barrique where it aged for a period of fourteen months.

Alcohol

14,5° Vol.

Historical data

Galantas represents the maximum expression of Cabernet Franc in the Maipo Andes valley. A wine capable of expressing the characteristic vibrance, elegance, and finesse of this unique terroir. The grapes are sourced from Haras de Pirque's organic vineyards, situated in the Maipo Andes valley at over 2300 feet (700 meters) above sea level. Here Cabernet Franc succeeds in expressing to the maximum degree its important potential, much assisted by the cool nights of the Andes foothills.

Tasting notes

Galantas shows a violaceous color. The nose expresses notes of dark berry fruit as blueberries and blackberries. The palate is supple, ample, persistent and characterized by pleasant tannins. A wine capable of demonstrating all of the character of the Maipo Andes valley.

Wine Pairing

Perfect with game, meat-based dishes and stuffed pasta.





VIÑA COBOS

BRAMARE

VALLE DE UCO
MALBEC 2022

VINEYARD

- Appellation: Valle de Uco
 - Altamira, Gualtallary, La Consulta, Los Arboles, San Pablo, Chacayes, Villa Bastías
- Soil: stony soils with a variable presence of limestone. Very poor in organic matter. Good drainage. Altitude between 3,115 and 4,855 ft elevation.

GROWING SEASON

The 2022 vintage was positive for red varieties in terms of quality. A cold summer allowed progressive polyphenolic maturity, achieving high color intensity and concentration, especially in Malbec. White varieties were affected by the intense rains during February, for this reason the selection of clusters was meticulous to obtain optimum quality grapes.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvest with shears
- Harvest date: March 1 to April 3

WINEMAKING

- Manual selection of clusters and grains.
- Fermentation in stainless steel tanks
- 100% spontaneous malolactic fermentation
- Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 20% new
- Bottled unfiltered, November 2023
- Varietal composition: 100% Malbec

TASTING NOTES

Deep purple color. Very complex character with aromas of red fruit and violets with hints of spices. On the palate it has a very good structure, fresh acidity and fine grain tannins.



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2020 IRONHEART SHIRAZ

Ironheart is the flagship Shiraz from our single vineyard estate in Blewitt Springs at the northern edge of McLaren Vale. The vineyard's northern aspect, higher elevation and sandy ironstone soils produce Shiraz with immense concentration and finesse.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season was affected by a very hot spring, leading to the lowest yields on record. As the grapes started their ripening process the weather miraculously cooled to a very mild ripening season. This resulted in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, but above all, beautiful finesse, and balanced tannins.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked (21st March), 20% whole bunches, and the remainder has been destemmed, mechanical berry sorted, 30% whole berries and 50% crushed. Open fermenters and on skins for approximately 21 days. A gentle maceration principle of wetting the cap and only draining and returning when reductive. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Kept on lees for 16 months in 1 year old foudre. Bottled November 2021. Certified Organic/Biodynamic.

ACCLAIM

95 POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, August 2023

95 POINTS — Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion*, June 2023

95 POINTS — Aaron Brasher, *The Real Review*, January 2023

95 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022



Ironheart Shiraz

VARIETY

100% Shiraz

YEAR PLANTED

1999

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

SOIL

Ironstone gravels

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

175m - 180m above sea level

BLOCK 15

1.8 hectares

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Flower

ALCOHOL

13.5%

PH TA

3.67 5.4 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane