

BODEGAS VERUM - PATAGONIA

(RIO NEGRO, PATAGONIA, ARGENTINA)

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VERUM

The López Montero family's history in the world of wines and spirits dates back to 1788. Elias López Montero began his professional career in 2001 working as a production technician in wineries such as Vinícola de Tomelloso, Altosa and Aalto (DO Ribera del Duero) and later made the leap to Bodegas Bergkelder in South Africa. This was his first contact with the southern latitude and where he realised that his vocation was to produce wines that have the capacity to transmit an origin. In 2005 he returned to his family winery in La Mancha, Spain to launch Verum, a project focusing on varietal excellence as a faithful expression of the region and family history. In 2016 he headed back to the Southern hemisphere, bringing the same principles to Patagonia.

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. 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.

Estate - Pinot Noir (Parcela Tamarisco) 2024

CSPC# 139032

12x750ml

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Pinot Noir.

Sustainability

Biodynamic farming.

Winemaker

Elias Lopez Montero and Lucas Quiroga

Vintage

From Salta in the north down to Patagonia in the south, the 2023-2024 harvest was anomalous in several ways. The most important factor was the weather, which was heavily affected by the transition from La Niña to El Niño. Roughly, this means a shift from a cool, dry cycle to a wet, warm one. Beginning in the equatorial Pacific, the ripple effects have been more of a tsunami than a butterfly, such as the mass flooding in southern Brazil being just one example.

These conditions led to some unusual phenomena to the east of the Andes. Snowfall last winter was intense, so much so that snowmelt from the mountains was enough to push the Mendoza River into the desert by the middle of the 2024 summer, something that hadn't happened since the 1990s.

The large number of winter storms and, thus, ample water for irrigation were counteracted by another phenomenon: the Zonda wind. This wind swept down from the Pacific mountains onto Argentina's plains and continued until mid-November. While the snow it brought to the peaks was welcome, strong wind also caused plenty of damage in the vineyards.

Vineyards

Upper Valley of the Río Negro. The vineyard is 18 years old with a density of 5,500 plants per hectare. The soils are clay loam with a high iron content. The training system is unilateral cord and guyot. The yield of 8,000 kilos per hectare is hand harvested.

Harvest

Hand-harvested. Destemmed and pressed. Static settling and racked into new 500-liter barrels.

Vinification/ Maturation

Fermentation was carried out with 30% whole bunches. Spontaneous fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Complete malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes

A nose of wild raspberries and subtle woodsmoke. The palate is clean and refreshing with smoky notes, red- and purple-skinned fruits and just a touch of earth.

Serve with

Being on the more mid-weight side of Pinot, and with lovely expressions of red and purple fruits, this would work particularly well with duck and mild game dishes. Cellar for up to 10 years.

Cellaring

Drink 2026-2031



Scores/Awards **92 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2025

91 points - James Suckling - May 2025

Reviews *"A lively, floral expression of the 777 clone, fermented in stainless steel and concrete before finishing its aging in barrels. Its light profile and delicate tannins make it a versatile and appealing option, capable of accompanying a variety of occasions and tastes. A fresh and charming Pinot Noir that reflects the purity of Patagonia."*

- TA, timatkin.com
