

Wine & Spirits

year's best Argentine Malbec

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87 | Naiara \$10
2007 Mendoza Malbec (Best Buy) All of the flavors are red and refreshing in this light and approachable malbec. The spicy peppery notes lend complexity, but what dominates is that engaging fruit character. ARGCA Imports, Chatsworth, CA

87 | Nieto Senetiner \$11
2007 Mendoza Reserva Malbec (Best Buy) Generous flavors of raspberries and strawberries match this wine's sweet spice. Its supple richness continues on the dark chocolate finish. A wine to stock up on for winter. Winebow, NY

87 | Sur de los Andes \$11
2007 Mendoza Malbec (Best Buy) The potent tannins here point to an ambitious malbec, but the fresh and lively aromas of cherries and violets reveal a simple, approachable character. Pour it by the glass. Frontier Wine Imports, Dover, NJ

87 | Terrazas de Los Andes \$11
2007 Mendoza Malbec (Best Buy) This wine's aroma balances toasty oak notes, ripe strawberry scents and a hint of violets. The texture is smooth with the warm flavor of chestnuts. (W&S, 2/09) Moët Hennessy USA, NY

86 | Sur de los Andes \$15
2006 Mendoza Reserva Malbec (Best Buy) Exuberant blackberry jam and chocolate flavors meld with the dominant black currant fruit in this warm and robust malbec. Frontier Wine Imports, Dover, NJ

86 | Zuccardi \$10
2008 Santa Julia Mendoza Malbec (Best Buy) A simple and direct malbec, this tastes of violets and ripe cherries, all backed by nervy acidity. Winesellers, Skokie, IL ■



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