

Bodega Noemia de Patagonia

Noemia by Bodega Noemia de Patagonia is an exquisite Malbec from one of the world's most southern vineyards in Rio Negro Valley , Patagonia, showcasing intense dark fruit and remarkable depth.

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Noemia 2022

Patagonia, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

Bodega Noemia's Noemia vineyard lies in the **Rio Negro Valley** at the northern edge of Patagonia, Argentina, in one of the southernmost wine regions in the world. This 3.7 -acre vineyard was planted in **1932** with **pre-phylloxera Malbec vines**, some of the oldest in South America, and is divided into four sections based on soil composition and exposure. Positioned at an elevation of **240 meters** above sea level on the north bank of the Rio Negro, the vineyard features soils rich in **sand, gravel, riverbed deposits, and fluvial sediments on a limestone waterbed**, creating an environment that enhances the wine's mineral complexity.

Certified **organic by Ecocert** and partially biodynamic, the vineyard uses **double Guyot training** to support the vine growth and optimize fruit quality. The vineyard's location, combined with organic cultivation, results in low yields and highly concentrated grapes that embody the character and elegance of this unique Patagonian terroir.

Winemaking

The **Noemia** is crafted entirely from **Malbec** grapes, meticulously hand-harvested in March to capture their optimal ripeness. After picking, the grapes are transported in refrigerated trucks to preserve their nuanced character, then fermented in **small stainless steel fermenters** to ensure precise temperature control. The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation for added softness and complexity.

For aging, **Noemia** spends **15 to 24 months in French demi-muids** from the famed cooperage Tonnellerie Darnajou, imparting a subtle oak influence that complements the wine's fruit profile. Following barrel aging, it undergoes an additional **six months of bottle aging** to refine its structure before release, resulting in a wine with substantial complexity and a smooth, balanced finish.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Malbec

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep violet with garnet edges.
- **Aroma**: Intense aromas of dark fruit, such as blackberry and plum, intertwined with hints of coffee, dark chocolate, and spice.
- **Palate**: Elegant and well-balanced, offering layered dark fruit flavors with well-integrated tannins and acidity. A long, persistent finish underscores the wine's depth and minerality, making it a memorable Malbec.

Did you know?

Bodega Noemia's **Noemia Malbec** is a celebrated **"cult wine"** with a significant aging potential, often compared to some of the finest wines in the world. The vineyard's heritage, with its **pre-phylloxera vines** and organic cultivation, creates a wine that is not only distinct but deeply rooted in Patagonian history and tradition, standing out as one of the purest expressions of Malbec.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-Crusted Lamb**: Complements the wine's dark fruit and mineral notes, with the herbaceous crust enhancing its complexity.
- **Grilled Steak**: The wine's structure and balanced acidity match perfectly with the richness of a well-marbled steak.
- **Venison with Berry Reduction**: The wine's fruit intensity and spiced hints harmonize with the gaminess and fruit reduction.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese**: Pairs beautifully with the wine's persistent finish and layered texture.

98 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 98 Points (2021)

The 2021 Malbec originates from a 1932 plot planted in Mainqué, Río Negro, and underwent aging for up to two years in barriques and 500-liter French oak barrels. It was born in the cool and balanced 2021 vintage. Vivid purple-red in hue, the inviting nose reveals delicate notes of fresh plum, elderberry and violet, complemented by hints of chamomile and sweetbriar over a subtle layer of cedar. Dry and juicy, with fine-grained tannins, it stands out as one of the most flavorful Noemías I've ever tasted. With an additional year in the bottle, it will become even silkier and deeper. I would love to revisit it in five years.

94 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2020)

Winemaker Hans Vinding-Diers sources fruit from 92-year-old Selection Massale vineyards in the Río Negro Valley to make this delicious Malbec. It starts with a nose of sweet spices and peppercorns. The palate has tension and bright fresh fruit, showing black and red berries, clove and hints of pink pepper.

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James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2018)

Super intensity of pure fruit here with blackberries, purple fruit and fresh flowers. Cassis, tile and tapenade undertones, as well as licorice. Full-bodied, dense and layered with refined, polished tannins that go on for minutes. Energetic refinement here. Drinkable now, but better after 2021.

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