

Wine Spectator

June 15, 2009

92 Vistalba Corte A Mendoza 2006

Very dense, with a wide range of blackberry, plum, blueberry and boysenberry fruit all pumping along, while dark cocoa, graphite and black licorice notes move underneath. The grippy finish will need some time to stretch out fully...Best from 2010 through 2012.

92 Vistalba Corte B Mendoza 2005 **SMART BUY**

Lush and round, with velvety-textured tannins carrying ample layers of plum sauce, crushed currant and fig fruit, and dark licorice notes. Stays admirably fresh on the hefty finish, with a nice buried black tea hint. Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2011.

91 Tomero Gran Reserva Malbec 2006

Muscular, with broad raspberry, currant, and crushed plum flavors backed by dark toast and mocha notes. The long finish lets licorice and fig notes linger. Drink now through 2010.

89 Tomero Malbec Mendoza 2007

Very juicy, offering crushed blackberry and boysenberry notes backed by Christmas pudding and black tea hints, with a licorice snap-filled finish. Drink now through 2010.

88 Árido Malbec Mendoza 2007 **BEST VALUE**

Ripe and focused, with a solid beam of raspberry fruit laced with sweet spice, toast and fruitcake notes, followed by a juicy finish. Drink now.

88 Vistalba Corte C Mendoza 2006

Juicy, with a nice compact core of plum sauce and fig that should unwind nicely, supported by licorice, fruitcake, and black tea notes...Drink now through 2010.

