

TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES INTRODUCES YET ANOTHER YEAR OF HIGH QUALITY NEW VINTAGES AS TENTH HARVEST APPROACHES IN 2006

Terrazas de los Andes is set to launch new vintages for its varietal wines Afincado (2003), Terrazas de los Andes Reserva (2004), and Terrazas de los Andes (2005). The new vintages precede the winery's 10th Harvest Anniversary from its inaugural 1996 Terrazas Gran Malbec, which commemorated Moët & Chandon's 45 years of pioneering work in Argentina and began a global project dedicated to matching varietals to their ideal altitude in the Andes Mountain Range.

For over a decade Terrazas de los Andes has been dedicated to producing high quality varietal wines crafted in Mendoza, Argentina, and destined for the world's top luxury wine markets. The winery's founding philosophy is based on finding the distinct terrace-hosted microclimate for each varietal that best suits fully ripened grapes, optimal sugar-acids balance, maximum aromatic expression, and plush tannins. Through extensive research and unrelenting quality standards, the winery has succeeded in exporting 70% of production to 45 countries and garnering consistent accolades for high quality wines that reflect the Mendoza origin.

- Named Top 20 Global Value Vintner by Wine Spectator for displaying consistent quality throughout its history (Wine Spectator 2005).
- A steady succession of sixteen 90+ point ratings from Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast, and two perfect "5-Star" ratings from Decanter.
- #1 ranked wine from Argentina in the Wine Spectator Top 100 from 1994 to 2004.

According to Chief Winemaker Roberto de la Mota, "While year-to-year harvest conditions will impart a certain personality on our wines, unwavering high quality has been a constant throughout our first ten years. The Terrazas de los Andes name has become analogous with guaranteed quality standards in Mendoza winemaking."

The new vintages to market in 2005-06 include Chardonnay, grown at 1200 metres/3900 feet, Malbec at 1067 metres/3500 feet, and Cabernet Sauvignon at 980 metres/3200 feet.

- **Afincado (2003)**, Terrazas de los Andes' premier varietal wine from Single Vineyards, will be releasing Malbec 2003 and Cabernet Sauvignon 2003, following a history that counts all past vintages among 90+ point rated wines from Wine Spectator.

The 2003 vintage in Mendoza featured typical brilliant days with cool nights. A particularly snowy winter filled the high altitude aquifers which feed our vineyards with pure melted snow runoff. The summer months of January and February were excessively hot and dry, leading to lower than average cluster weight, with a moderate and dry autumn allowing for long hang time and a healthy sugar-to-acids balance in grapes. Afincado Malbec showcases the typical personality of our Las Compuertas Vineyard, with currant, small berry fruit and tobacco with a meaty structure and big mid-palate, while Afincado Cabernet Sauvignon show densely packed fruit and nicely integrated, velvety tannins with a long finish.

- **Terrazas Reserva (2004)**, the winery's Estate Grown varietal wine from Mendoza's top districts, will be releasing Malbec 2004, Cabernet Sauvignon 2004, and Chardonnay 2005, following two consecutive Top 100 Wine placements in Wine Spectator, a track record of eight 90+ rankings in Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast, and the past two vintages as "Smart Buys" in Wine Spectator. The 2004 Mendoza harvest started the driest spring in five years, with beautiful fruit development and average sized clusters. The vintage developed even better fruit development than our solid 2003s, especially for our Malbecs, which featured high intensity and aromatic concentration. The Terrazas Reserva wines were characteristically aromatic and complex, with ripened fruit filling the mid-palate, and tight structure building to the lingering close.
- **Terrazas (2005)**, the winery's fruit forward varietal wines from the ideal altitude in Mendoza will be releasing Chardonnay 2005, Malbec 2005, and Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, after tallying two consecutive "Best Values" rankings and three consecutive ratings above 88 points in Wine Spectator. An excellent harvest for red wines, 2005 showed a cool spring, with vines surviving virtually unscathed despite initial frost. Regular flowering was followed by a very cool summer through March, resulting in wines with fantastic colour and aromas, and marked acidity. The Terrazas wines displayed their ongoing fruit forward character, with round tannins, excellent acidity and a refreshing and savoury finish.