



**AMALAYA**  
ESPERANZA POR UN MILAGRO

## Amalaya Malbec

Country: Argentina      Region: Salta  
Type: Red      Varietal: Blend - Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah  
Format: 12 x 750ml



BC	AB	SK	MB
2015			
+168294	+742414	+9897	+11272
Specialty	Open	SO	MBLL

### TASTING NOTES

- Colour:** Deep ruby with purple highlights.
- Aroma:** Fruity and sweet with intense aromes of red berries like cherry, raspberry, and black berries such as mulberry. A soft chocolate touch due to its oaking.
- Taste:** Fresh with high fruit expression and spicy notes. Very easy to drink due to its soft, gentle and round tannins.
- Food:** Ideal with light meats such as poultry, and is also delicious with tomato-based pasta sauces and hard cheeses.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2016 ~ 90 Points. - Tim Atkin MW, Argentina Special Report 2017

2015 ~ 90 Points. Top 100 Value Wines 2016 "A fleshy red, with concentrated blackberry and dried blueberry flavors supported by fresh acidity. Mineral and dark chocolate notes linger with hints of white pepper on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 50,000 cases made." - Wine Spectator, Nov/2016

2015 ~ 91 Points. "The entry-level wine is called 2015 Malbec, even if it still has some 10% Tannat and 5% Syrah in the blend. 2015 saw 140 liters of rain, healthy grapes and good levels of acidity. The grapes come from seven-year-old vines that yielded 9,000 kilos per hectare, 100% from estate grapes. The grapes fermented with neutral yeasts after a four-day cold soak with a total maceration of some 20 days. 25% of the volume matured in used French oak barrels for ten months, while the rest was kept in stainless steel with fine lees. There is a smoky character that I believe comes from the skin of the grapes, which have a high impact from the sun-as with the higher altitude, the rays are much stronger and make grapes develop thicker skins. It made me think of a red from the Northern Rhone, mixing violets, bacon fat and great spiciness. They have replaced Cabernet by Tannat, and I think it has helped remove the herbal aromas and given more character to the blend. The palate is medium-bodied with great freshness and intensity, terribly tasty. This is so easy to drink, it can be dangerous! One to buy by the case, and great for by-the-glass. 695,000 bottles produced." - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, Dec/2016

2015 ~ 94 Points. "Impressive purity of perfumed fruits, with blackcurrants, boysenberries, cherries, plums and leafy notes. Very expressive mouth, full, juicy and fresh with polished fine tannins, high structure and pure black fruits. Refined, distinctive with a lovely personality." - Decanter World Wine Awards 2016

## OTHER INFO

High above sea level, nestled in the foothills of the Andes Mountains is the home of Bodegas Amalaya, who's wines are an exquisite representation of the unique weather and soil conditions in Argentina's Northern Calchaqui Valley that also honors the heritage of the native Calchaqui Indians. The Calchaqui Valley sits in the northwestern region of Argentina in the eastern foothills of the Andes mountain range at an altitude between 5,400 and 5,600 feet above sea level.



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