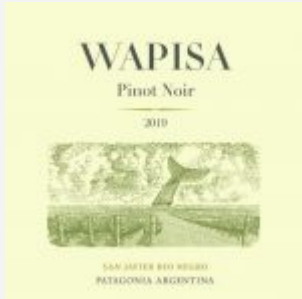


## Wapisa Pinot Noir Argentina 2019

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2019

**GRAPE** Pinot Noir

**GEOGRAPHY** New World

**COUNTRY** Argentina

**LARGER REGION** Southern Region

**SMALLER REGION** Patagonia

### Rationale

When it comes to Pinot Noir, South America is not necessarily the first area that comes to mind— though this line of thought is increasingly being challenged. Argentina has a surprisingly long history with the grape, particularly so in Patagonia; in what is the amalgam of the Rio Negro, Neuquén, and Chubut provinces. The arrival of rail travel into the south from the north in the 1930s provided motivation to grow winegrapes. Pinot Noir planted in Rio Negro was one of the first and more successful efforts with documented vineyards still in operation today, dating from the early-1930s, though more commercial efforts began thirty or so years later.

The Alto Valle del Rio Negro is the epicenter for the great region— home to the oldest vines. Patagonian winds moderate the climate, and the heavy soils of these older vineyards allow for an elegant and subtle style that lead some to compare its bottlings with that of Pinot Noir from Burgundy. The nights are especially cold and during the day, there is an excellent solar irradiance resulting in thicker skins with refined, velvety, and intense tannins.

Wapisa the only Coastal Winery in Patagonia, and it is the only winery in Argentina to age wines under the sea. Really. Located in San Javier, Rio Negro, Patagonia, Argentina, the winery is just 25 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and the only winery that exists in this unique coastal terroir. “Wapisa” is the indigenous Patagonian word for “whale.”

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Light

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Ruby  
*Stained Tears: None*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Medium

**TANNIN** Med+

**TEXTURE** Round / Smooth

**FINISH** Med+

**COMPLEXITY** Med+

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Red Currant • Cranberry • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Strawberry  
*Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Raspberry • Black Cherry *Condition: Fresh*

**CITRUS FRUIT** Orange • Tangerine *Condition: Fresh Part: Peel / Zest*

**FLORAL** Hibiscus • Rose *Condition: Fresh*

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Mushrooms (Brown) • Peppers (Red/Yellow) • Tomato Leaf • Ginger / Root

**HERBAL** Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Basil • Laurel / Bay Leaf

**OTHER SPICES** Sassafras • Licorice (Red)

**ORGANIC EARTH** Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Clay

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Blended Oak

**CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS** Oxidation