

Reading, Writing & Wine

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High-Elevation Wines from Argentina & Chile

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High-elevation vineyards fascinate me, and, as such, I've long been drawn to wines from Argentina. Especially in the Salta region, these vineyards are planted at dizzying heights.

PRIMUS

2015 PRIMUS THE BLEND

Chile, Rapel Valley, Colchagua Valley

90 points

Medium purple color. The nose shows loads of saucy black cherries, black cherries, along with a burst of black pepper, roasted red pepper, green olives, charcoal pit, along with coffee and vanilla notes. Medium/full-bodied with medium, velvety tannins, with moderating acidity, and everything is quite nicely balanced. Juicy yet tangy cassis and blackberry with a complex mix of anise, pepper, black olive, charcoal, and an underlying sense of rocky minerals. Accessible now but has the depth and concentration to improve for at least a few years. Surprisingly complex and balanced for the price. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Carmenere, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc. \$19

