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Vinography Unboxed: Week of 12/18/22

Hello and welcome to my weekly dig through the pile of wine samples that show up asking to be tasted. I'm pleased to bring you the latest installment of Vinography Unboxed, where I highlight some of the better bottles that have crossed my doorstep recently.

This past week included a bunch of interesting wines from near and far. Let's start with a pair from [Terrazas de los Andes](#), located in the picturesque Lujan de Cuyo district of Mendoza, Argentina. Their Reserva Chardonnay is quite a steal for less than \$20, and managed to walk a nice line between richness and leaner, stonier qualities. The Grand Malbec I also tasted this week was equally balanced, with a nice stony quality to offset its rich dark fruit. ...

2021 Terrazas de los Andes “Reserva” Chardonnay, Mendoza, Argentina

Pale gold in the glass, this wine smells of lemon curd, roasted hazelnuts, and an unusual camphor note. In the mouth, juicy lemon curd, and a touch of pineapple have a crisp brightness thanks to excellent acidity. There's a touch of heat in the finish. 13% alcohol. Score: around **8.5**. Cost: \$18. [click to buy.](#)

2019 Terrazas de los Andes “Grand Malbec” Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

Very dark garnet in color, this wine smells of struck match and blueberries. In the mouth, blueberry and blackberry fruit has a nice muscular tannic backbone, which is fine-grained and supple, lending complexity to the fruit. There's a nice stony, earthy quality underneath that fruit which, accompanied by brisk acidity, makes for a nicely balanced experience. Notes of blueberries and licorice linger in the finish. 14% alcohol. Score: between **8.5** and **9**. Cost: \$50. [click to buy.](#)

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