

Bodegas Septima Shares Seven Things to Know About Malbec this Holiday Season

Bodegas Septima – named for being the seventh winery of Bodegas y Viñedos Codorníu's Raventos – knows that many bottles of crowd-pleasing Malbec will be opened this holiday season. In keeping with the special significance of the number seven, here are winemaker Paula Borgo's top seven Malbec tidbits:

1. Malbec arrived in Argentina from France in 1868. 75% of the world's Malbec vineyards are now in its adopted country.
2. Jancis Robinson, MW has called Mendoza's Luján de Cuyo district, "Malbec's spiritual home." Septima also calls Luján de Cuyo home, with a winery built in the architectural style of the local Huarpe Indians.
3. High altitude is Malbec's friend. The grapes grow thicker skins which produce more aromas and deeper color; hot days and cold nights helps Malbec maintain the acidity that keeps the wine lively.
4. Natural snow melt from the Andes Mountains provides natural irrigation for Malbec vines.
5. Approachable tannins are a hallmark of Malbec from Argentina, giving it a silky, rich texture. This is one of the reasons Malbec pleases so many palates.
6. Malbec is very versatile; choose a younger vintage with less oak for casual drinking, or a reserve style for an elegant dinner.
7. Malbec goes great with empanada! "A warm way to welcome your guests during the holidays is with an Argentinean Empanada and a glass of Septima Malbec. It feels like home to me," says Paula Borgo. [Click here for a link to a recipe for Mendoza-style empanadas.](#)

