

BODEGA CHACRA PATAGONIA PINOT NOIR, BARDA



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Bodega Chacra is located in the Rio Negro Valley of northern Patagonia. The property's location in the arid central Argentine desert is tempered by the confluence of the Neuquen and Limay Rivers, both of which flow from the Andes and converge in the Rio Negro, which in turn flows into the Atlantic. The climate is dry and arid. This, coupled with the natural barrier of the surrounding desert, results in a complete absence of phylloxera and vine diseases. Produced from Chacra's youngest vineyards planted in 1990, grown on slightly sandy soils. Fermented at low temperatures in round cement tanks, with natural and unfiltered indigenous yeasts. Aged 50% in concrete tanks and 50% in French oak barrels (15% new) for 11 months.

In 2004, Piero Incisa della Rocchetta (whose grandfather started the legendary Sassicaia Winery in Tuscany) purchased the first of Bodega Chacra's vineyards, a property with an existing, though abandoned, vineyard planted in 1932 in the Rio Negro Valley in northern Patagonia. This vineyard of gnarled and ungrafted Pinot Noir vines was later added to a neighboring vineyard of vines planted in 1955. With these old vineyards, ostensibly in the middle of nowhere, Piero has created a winery that exists outside of the usual New World vs. Old World debate and is redefining what is possible with Pinot Noir (and now Chardonnay with the help of Jean-Marc Roulot) in the Southern Hemisphere.

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Tasting Note:

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