

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, February 1st, 4-7 p.m.
A Taste of Bordeaux in Argentina?
Cuvelier Los Andes
With Drew Murphy of A&B Wines

\$10 Tasting Fee

This Friday, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. we welcome in the month of February with a French-themed tasting of fabulous Argentine wines from Cuvelier Los Andes brought to us by Drew Murphy of A&B Wines. In their December 2011 issue, the Wine Advocate ranked Cuvelier Los Andes as a four-star estate, and among the top producers in all of Argentina. The Cuvelier los Andes Grand Malbec was named one of the top 15 wines in all of Argentina in the same issue.

Cuvelier los Andes 2010 Colección Cabernet Sauvignon
\$21.99 90 points, Wine Advocate

100% Cabernet Sauvignon and aged 11 months in small barrique, this classic and incredible Cabernet Sauvignon crosses all boundaries and origins.

It's a dense garnet color and offers a bouquet of wet earth, ripe strawberries and eucalyptus. Supple, ripe, and velvety on the palate with concentrated blackberry and dark fruit flavors with minty notes on the finish.

Cuvelier los Andes 2010 Colección Malbec \$21.99
90 points, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

This deep purple-colored 100% Malbec offers a stunning aromatic display of pain grille, mineral, espresso, licorice, black cherry, and black raspberry. Bold on the palate, yet elegantly silky for all its concentration, it presents gobs of succulent black fruits and serious depth, with enough stuffing to age and unfold for another 5-7 years.

Cuvelier los Andes 2010 Colección Merlot \$21.99

90 points, *Wine Advocate*

With the 2010 vintage Cuvelier added a Merlot to their portfolio. This inaugural Colección Merlot offers up a fragrant perfume of oak and red fruits along with a touch of herbs and balsamic notes. Offering excellent richness and length, it provides outstanding value in a wine that may be enjoyed for the next five to seven years.

Cuvelier los Andes 2009 Colección Red Blend \$22.99

90 points, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

Here's one of Cuvelier los Andes' original wines, first made in 2003. It's a blend of 60% Malbec, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 5% each of Syrah and Petit Verdot that's barrique aged for 12 months.

Presenting aromas of blackberry and fruitcake, with note of licorices, the wine is dense and suave on entry, concentrated and firm in the middle, finishing with bold black fruit flavors, sound acidity, substantial tannins and excellent grip. This wine will benefit from at least a couple years of bottle aging or some serious decanting.

Cuvelier los Andes 2008 Grand Vin \$37.99

(92 Points, *Wine Advocate*)

A blend of 75% Malbec, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine has ripe aromas of black cherry with a hint of chocolate in the background. Full-bodied, layered, and opulent, this wine is unctuous, powerful and concentrated with, superb depth of flavor, offering perfect balance and the excellent integration of oak, tannin, and acidity, with a lengthy, fruit-filled finish.

Cuvelier los Andes 2008 Grand Malbec \$59.99

This elegant and classic Malbec is structured like a great schoolteacher with a whole lot to teach about terroir and nuance. It's dark with extracted colors and a spicy nose, and evolves in the mouth with lovely fruit, delicate notes of cinnamon, clove, black pepper and "dulce de leche". Its refined touch yet lovely tannins rounds out the finish.