



The Daily Drinker

2017 Bonarda Dorado, Vicentin Family Wines

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Wine Variety: Oh what a tangled web! The vine grown as Bonarda in Argentina (that country's second most widely planted grape) is, in fact, a variety that has proven, via DNA examination, to be a Savoie grape called Douce Noir (sweet black). Its name has led to confusion with Dolcetto in northern Italy and, indeed, Bonarda Piemontese; it is related to neither. Not only is this Argentine Bonarda Douce Noir, but so too is the Californian Charbono. By far the world's biggest plantings of this variety are in Argentina.

Wine Region: Lujan de Cuyo is in the upper Mendoza Valley and is one of the traditional fine wine growing areas of the country, with vineyards planted at 800 to 1,100 metres. The first of Argentina's controlled appellations was created here in 1993 specifically for Malbec.

Wine Producer: Although the Vicentin family has worked the land in Argentina since 1929, they only started making wine in 2009. They have subsequently bought another wine producing business - Bodega Sottano - and bottle some 60 different wines.

Single Bottle **£9.75**

member price: £8.78

Six Bottle Case **£58.50**

member price: £52.65

**Style:**

Red - medium-bodied

**Grape Variety:**

Bonarda

**Producer:**

Vicentin Family Wines

**Serving Temperature:**

17°C

**Alcohol Content:**

13%

**Country:**

Argentina

**Appellation:**

Lujan de Cuyo

**Drink By:**

2022

**Bottle Size:**

75cl

**Region:**

Mendoza

**Colour:**

Still Red

**Food:**

Canapés
Duck
Lamb
Pasta
Vegetables

**Tasting Notes:**

A delightfully open and welcoming nose meets the drinker/taster, having noted a colour just medium deep. This smells relaxed with its overwhelmingly domestic fruit of raspberry. The palate also kicks off in relaxed manner with its supple, quite plush fruit. Raspberries return. Then through that comes a cool structure, giving excellent control. Nice length here. Unlike so many Bonardas it hasn't been forced to do anything it doesn't want to do. I like this. It has transparency - even some complexity - and is really rather toothsome.

#3wordtastingnote: raspberries, supple, cool

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