

2006 Lamadrid Malbec Icon

The 2006 Malbec Icon was aged in 100% new French oak. It emits a brooding nose of plums, compote, violets, black cherry, and blackberry liqueur. Opulent on the palate, it is rich and layered with mouth-coating, savory fruit, impeccable balance, and 3-5 years of aging potential. Drink this outstanding effort from 2013 to 2026.

Importer: Ward Selections, Oasis Wines, Napa, CA; tel. (415) 340-0057 and Bertin Herri Selections, 10900 N.W. 21st Street, Unit 180, Doral, Florida, 33172 (305) 392-6995.

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2008 Lamadrid Bonarda Reserva

Single vineyard estate fruit; scorched earth, balsamic, herbs, black fruits, awesome value.

Importer: Vino Del Sol, Monterey, CA; tel. (800) VDS-8086; fax (831) 646-9463

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2009 Lamadrid Cabernet Sauvignon

Purple, cedar, spice box, balsamic, black currant; outstanding depth, concentration, and length.

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Single vineyard estate fruit; terrific aromatics, great depth and length, loads of fruit and spice.

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2006 Lamadrid Malbec Gran Reserva

The Lamadrid wines are made by the talented Hector Durigutti. The 2006 Malbec Gran Reserva was sourced from a single estate vineyard with 81-year-old vines. It was fermented with native yeasts with malolactic in barrel followed by 16 months of aging in new French oak. Purple in color with a fabulous perfume of exotic spices, incense, balsamic, lavender, black cherry, and truffle, on the palate it is already complex with superior depth, concentration, and balance. Layered, plush, and hedonistic, it will evolve for several more years but it will take great restraint to keep from drinking it sooner.

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2010 Lamadrid Bonarda

The 2010 Bonarda (100%) was sourced from a 37-year-old vineyard, fermented with indigenous yeasts (as are all of these wines), aged for 9 months in new French oak inner-staves, and bottled without fining or filtration. Purple in color, it offers up a nose of underbrush, mineral, plum, mulberry, and violets. Concentrated on the palate with good depth, balance, and length, this flavorful effort deftly combines elegance and power, quite an achievement at this price point. Drink this outstanding value over the next 4-5 years.

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2009 Lamadrid Bonarda Reserva

The 2009 Bonarda Reserva was sourced from the same estate single vineyard and aged for 12 months in 50% new and 50% second-use French oak. Notions of damp earth, brier, spice box, leather, plum, and mulberry set the stage for a savory, flavorful, impeccably balanced Bonarda that over-delivers in a big way. Drink this outstanding value from 2012 to 2017.

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2009 Lamadrid Cabernet Franc Reserva

The 2009 Cabernet Franc Reserva was sourced from the estate's younger vines and aged for 14 months in 50% new and 50% second-use French oak. Herbs and spices (clove, cinnamon, potpourri) intermingle with enticing black fruit aromas to compose the bouquet of this tasty Cabernet Franc. Incipiently complex and lengthy, it has the structure to evolve for 2-3 years but can be approached now. It is an outstanding value.

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2010 Lamadrid Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon spent 8 months in new French and American oak inner-staves. Fragrant aromas of Asian spices, incense, cassis, tobacco, and violets inform the nose of a layered, spicy, nicely balanced wine with a forward personality. Drink this excellent value over the next 3-4 years.

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2009 Lamadrid Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva (100%) spent 14 months in 60% new French oak. Aromas of balsam wood, smoke, floral notes, cassis, and blackberry lead to a racy, elegant Cabernet that reveals enough structure to evolve for another 1-2 years. This tasty, nicely proportioned wine will be at its best from 2012 to 2019.

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2010 Lamadrid Malbec

The purple-colored 2010 Malbec spent 8 months in new American oak inner-staves. Flavorful, forward, and friendly, this easygoing wine is an outstanding value meant for drinking over the next 3-4 years.

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2007 Lamadrid Malbec Matilde

The flagship 2007 Malbec Matilde was sourced from the same estate vineyard as the Gran Reserva, but from a particular parcel, with aging for 24 months in new French oak. This loaded effort displays more obvious (but well-integrated) oak, soaring aromas of black cherry, black raspberry, and exotic spices, full body, and a plush, velvety palate feel. Underneath all that flesh is enough ripe tannin to support another 6-8 years of evolution, so this suave effort will be at its best from 2018 to 2027, if not longer.

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2007 Lamadrid Malbec Gran Reserva

The 2007 Malbec Gran Reserva was sourced from a single 82-year-old estate vineyard that spent 16 months in new French oak. It is a denser, richer, more structured version of the Reserva that will benefit from another 4-5 years of cellaring and will provide prime drinking from 2015 to 2022.

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2009 Lamadrid Malbec Reserva

The 2009 Malbec Reserva spent 12 months in a mix of new and used French oak. Underbrush, mocha, espresso, floral notes, and assorted black fruits are followed by a dense, rich powerful wine with 2-3 years of aging potential. This spicy effort is another outstanding value from Lamadrid that over-delivers in a big way.

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2010 Lamadrid Malbec Gran Reserva

The 2010 Gran Reserva Malbec is deep-colored, ripe (not overripe) style of Malbec, with attractive flowery notes, blueberries and creme de cassis aromas. The medium to full-bodied palate reveals round, fleshy tannins, and clean flavors of ripe fruit with a nice violet hint and a spicy finish. Ripe, yet balanced. Drink 2014-2017.

Lamadrid wines are produced by Hector Durigutti, a renowned oenologist who has his own winery with his brother. The wines are ripe, powerful and well-oaked.

Importer: Vino del Sol, Corralitos, CA; tel. (800) 837-8086, www.vinodelsol.com

- Luis Gutierrez (April, 2014)