





I O R R O N I E S



## LA PUERTA TORRONTES

In recent years Torrontes has deservedly taken pride of place as one of Argentina's signature varietals, continuing to attract attention for its unique aromatic and floral character. Despite having such a distinctive profile it's a grape that can be tricky to understand as it varies so much from region to region.

While its siblings, Torrontes Mendocino and Sanjuanino, found in the cooler, lower regions of Mendoza and San Juan have an often flat or bitter character; Torrontes Riojano is a powerhouse of vibrant, floral aromas that retain a crisp freshness.

Like many of Argentina's grape varieties Torrontes is the result of the country's elaborate cultural tapestry and it now seems as though the grape's origins are as diverse and farreaching as the settlers who brought them. While there are some whisperings of its roots in Galicia, Northern Spain due to an identically named Torrontes, studies have shown the different regional varieties to be various crossings of Criolla Chica and Muscat d'Alexandrie.

La Puerta's connection with Torrontes goes back to 1994 when we planted our first vines, and have not looked back since. As the name would suggest Torrontes Riojano is perfectly suited to our vineyards in the Famatina Valley, La Rioja, where predictable weather patterns ensure fantastic vintages year after year. Being one of the earliest grapes to ripen, our Torrontes responds exceptionally well to the abundant sunlight of the Famatina Valley, while the cool breezes blowing from the surrounding Famatina and Velazco mountain ranges aerate the vines. The semi-arid, mineral rich soils and huge thermal amplitude (often around 20°C) ensures the preservation of acidity and allows the grapes to develop great complexity.

This climate allows us to produce a Torrontes with exceptional varietal expression; bright green-gold in colour, it shows vivacious floral aromas of jasmine and honeysuckle and crisp citrus notes on the palate that ensure delightful freshness. Such a concentrated profile makes this wine a terrific food partner, especially when accompanying vibrant or spicy foods such as those from the Caribbean or South-East Asia.







Building upon the quality of our Torrontes with each new vintage, our efforts have received the following commendations over the years:

2010 THE WINE ADVOCATE - Jay Miller's Comprehensive Tasting
• LA PUERTA TORRONTES 2010 - 88 Points

2010 WINE ACCESS INTERNATIONAL VALUE WINE AWARDS
• LA PUERTA TORRONTES 2009 - **87 Points JUDGES CHOICE**(Runner up to Category Champion)

2009 WINE ACCESS INTERNATIONAL VALUE WINE AWARDS

• LA PUERTA TORRONTES 2008. **CATEGORY CHAMPION & KILLER VALUE** 

2009 ARGENTINA WINE AWARDS - Mendoza, Argentina

• LA PUERTA TORRONTES 2008. SILVER MEDAL

 $2008\ \mathrm{INTERNATIONAL}$  WINE & SPIRIT COMPETITION

• LA PUERTA TORRONTES 2008 - SILVER MEDAL, "BEST IN CLASS"

2008 ARGENTINA WINE AWARDS - Mendoza, Argentina

• LA PUERTA TORRONTES 2007 - **BRONZE MEDAL** 

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