

## BODEGA CHACRA

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#### *A Surprise Pinot Noir in Buenos Aires*

*Bodega Chacra Pinot Noir Río Negro Barda 2009*

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For most countries tackling Pinot Noir, there's usually only one way to go—and that's up. Argentina's winemakers are taking a serious stab at Pinot, the wine that many consider the world's most challenging grape.

On my recent visit to Argentina, I tasted several very impressive bottlings, but none better than **Bodega Chacra's 2009 Barda Pinot Noir** from Patagonia. The Park Hyatt Buenos Aires Hotel's excellent Duhau Restaurant & Vinoteca, overseen by chef Federico Heinzmann, had an amazing wine list and wine bar. Sommelier Marcelo Robole offered to pour a selection of wines with our dinner, including this Pinot (about \$79 on the list). Soft and fleshy, with delicate cherry, berry and rose petal notes, it—along with the other Pinots I tried—convinced me that Pinot is happening there and worth paying attention to. A solid 90 points, non-blind.

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