



The Vines Resort & Spa



Hotel Summary:

American entrepreneur Michael Evans and Argentine winemaker Pablo Gimenez Riili joined forces to create an unparalleled viticultural paradise for wine lovers from around the world. Set on 1,500 pristine acres in the heart of the Uco Valley, The Vines Resort & Spa is a haven of laid-back luxury with a robust offering of culinary and wellness activities, winemaking endeavors and outdoor adventures. Every aspect of the hotel is designed to share Mendoza's natural beauty, superior wines and Argentina's warm culture through a tailored guest experience provided by the resort's "Gauchos"—personal concierges and tour guides who curate one-of-a-kind itineraries for visitors.

The resort's 22 spacious villas have ample indoor/outdoor living space with wood-burning fireplaces, open-air fire pits, plunge pools, hot tubs and private rooftop terraces with 360-degree views. Siete Fuegos, the resort's signature restaurant, showcases open-flame grilling techniques mastered by Argentina's acclaimed chef Francis Mallmann. The state-of-the-art fitness center and yoga studio overlook the majestic Andes, while three miles of running trails weave through the property's vineyards. There's never a dull moment at The Vines with horseback riding, hiking, biking, cooking lessons and wine tasting at your fingertips, unless lounging is your preferred activity, in which case a cabana next to the 1000-sq.ft. infinity pool will be calling your name.

Need to Know:

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From USD 510; 22 Private Villas
Check-in: 3:00pm; checkout: 12:00pm

Dining options: At Siete Fuegos guests can sample Mallmann's famed fiery flavors achieved by using seven distinct grilling techniques that showcase the country's time-honored culinary heritage. Slow-grilled rib eye, cast-iron baked salmon and grilled seasonal fruits are paired with a 450-bottle wine list. The Bar & Cava serves up hand-crafted cocktails, wines from the region, artisanal beer, fresh juices and seasonal small plates. Healthy lunches and poolside snacks are available at the Pool Bar.

Spa and gym details: The Vines will unveil its 15,000-sq.ft. Villa Spa in mid-late 2015, which offers a full-range of multisensory experiences and custom fragrances created by the Argentine perfume lab FUEGUIA 1833. In-villa massages and facials are also available. The fully-equipped fitness center offers personal training sessions and complimentary morning yoga classes. Exercise in the great outdoors with the resort's climbing wall, running trails and outdoor swimming pool.

Neighborhood Vibe:

Located 1 ½ hours south of downtown Mendoza in the Uco Valley, the resort is surrounded by sprawling countryside bordered by rugged mountains, flourishing vineyards and over 1,500 wineries. Touring the region's wine route and indulging in lavish winery lunches is a requisite activity. Beyond the vineyards travelers can explore the Andes on foot, horseback or mountain bike. Fly-fishing, rock climbing and river rafting are just a few of the adrenaline pumping pursuits for the outdoor adventurer in the Uco Valley. For a city experience guests can head downtown to enjoy art galleries, tango shows and a night out on Mendoza's lively Aristides strip.

Cavas Wine Lodge



Hotel Summary:

Cavas Wine Lodge is the quintessential romantic retreat. Located on a secluded vineyard in the heart of Mendoza's wine country, Cavas Wine Lodge is the region's most exclusive boutique hotel. It is a peaceful sanctuary of 17 very private villas, which appear to have organically grown amidst the 55-acre working vineyard. The luxury hotel is named after its 3,000-bottle wine cellar, where complimentary wine tastings are hosted each evening by the in-house sommelier. February through April guests can participate in an array of exciting on-property harvest activities.

The hotel's dynamic husband-and-wife owners, Cecilia Diaz Chuit and Martin Rigal, personally attend to guests with a warmth that permeates the entire guest experience. Designed for romantic getaways, each villa enjoys panoramic views of the snowcapped Andes Mountains, cozy fireplaces and secluded sun decks with a private plunge pool. Each villa features a rooftop terrace with 360-degree views and a wood-burning chimney with a comfortable lounge area. The hotel's peaceful ambience extends to the tranquil spa and restaurant.

Need to Know:

Cavas Wine Lodge, Costa Flores s/n, Alto Agrelo, Mendoza; +54 261 410 6927;

reservas@cavaswinelodge.com

www.cavaswinelodge.com

From 665 USD + 21% tax; 17 Private Villas

Check-in: 3:00pm; checkout: 12:00pm

Dining options: The hotel's 30-seat all-glass dining room serves regionally inspired a la carte dishes using seasonal produce, organically grown in the foothills of Mendoza. The restaurant's chef also cooks with homegrown herbs and vegetables freshly picked from the hotel's garden.

Spa and gym details: The Spa focuses on wine therapy treatments like grape seed scrubs, the Bonarda Red Wine Soaking Bath and the nutritive Torrontes Wine Wrap and Massage. A relaxing outdoor plunge pool overlooks a breathtaking view of the Andes. The adjacent gym is on the smaller side but has all the essentials.

Insider Tips:

- *Who's it for/who's it best for:* Cavas Wine Lodge is the ultimate romantic retreat for couples and honeymooners who love wine, nature and the mountains.
- *Our favorite rooms:* You can't go wrong with any villa at Cavas Wine Lodge, but the hotel's new Grand Villa has an expansive rooftop terrace that seats 20 for dinner with a private chef. A personal tango show can be arranged, set against the stunning mountain and vineyard landscape.
- *Insider Tip:* Enjoy a 45-minute steaming Bonarda Soaking Wine Bath that uses red wine extracts and organic essential oils from grapes harvested on property to stimulate the body's circulatory system.

Neighborhood Vibe:

Cavas Wine Lodge is located in the picturesque and rustic setting of Agrelo with some of the world's top wineries only a bike or horseback ride away including Dominio del Plata, Viña Cobos, Decero, Belasco de Baquedano, Septima, Ruca Malen, Melipal, Cruzat (sparkling wine), Norton, and Terraza de los Andes. A must visit is Santiago Achaval and Manuel Ferrer's boutique winery Achaval-Ferrer to sample a few of Argentina's most awarded wines. For the adventurous travelers, whitewater rafting, zip-lining and hiking are only 30-minutes away in the Andes, and nine and 18-hole golf courses can be reached in 20 minutes. Agrelo is also conveniently located only 30-minutes away from downtown Mendoza.

Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa



Hotel Summary:

Downtown Mendoza's finest luxury hotel, the Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa enjoys a privileged location on Plaza Independencia with choice rooms overlooking the Andes mountains. A stunning 19th century Spanish colonial whitewashed façade gleams beautifully with majestic columns and ornate cornices. Behind the historic entrance lies a modern six-story hotel with a contemporary art collection featuring the works of 23 renowned local artists.

Park Hyatt Mendoza's signature service extends to 186 luxurious guestrooms and suites, a spa, health club, casino and outdoor swimming pool. The hotel's, Grill Q, is known for its succulent steaks while its fine dining restaurant, Bistro M, features an impressive two-story wine library with a Wine Spectator stamp of approval as having one of the most outstanding wine lists in the world. The Vines Wine Bar & Vinoteca is a sleek and contemporary bar offering an array of delicious local wines to sample.

Need to Know:

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mendoza.park@hyatt.com
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From USD 170 including breakfast; 182 guestrooms and four suites
Check-in: 3:00pm; checkout: 12:00pm

Dining options: Park Hyatt Mendoza's main dining room, Bistro M, specializes in Italian cuisine and classic dishes prepared in the wood burning oven, while Grill Q serves a wide variety of regional food including a classic Argentinean barbecue known for its prime cuts and empanadas. The Vines Wine Bar & Vinoteca has a tasting room and lounge where guests can enjoy Mendoza's finest Malbecs. The hotel's casual lobby lounge, Las Terrazas de la Plaza, has indoor and outdoor seating overlooking Plaza Independencia.

Spa and gym details: The Kaua Club & Spa features five oriental-themed treatment rooms with Far East inspired spa therapies and a health club with top-notch equipment, whirlpool, sauna, steam baths and a cold plunge pool. Guests can also relax in the climate-controlled swimming pool on the hotel's landscaped terrace.

Insider Tips:

- *Who's it for/who's it best for:* The hotel is ideal for leisure and business travelers who want to be located in the heart of the city.
- *Our favorite rooms:* The hotel's 430-sq.ft. Park Deluxe Rooms enjoy impressive corner views of the city and Andes Mountains.
- *Insider Tip:* On weekends, guests can enjoy international cocktails and live music at Las Terrazas de la Plaza. The outdoor terrace is also a great place to watch festivals and parades happening throughout the year, especially Mendoza's iconic Grape Harvest Festival. <http://www.afar.com/highlights/la-fiesta-nacional-de-la-vendimia>

Neighborhood Vibe:

The Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa's central location on Plaza Independencia allows guests to conveniently explore the best of Mendoza on foot right. Every Sunday, a bustling artisan market (http://www.afar.com/highlights/plaza-de-las-artes?context=wanderlist&context_id=28419) takes place on the east side of Plaza Independencia, and the city's modern art museum (http://www.afar.com/highlights/visit-el-museo-municipal-arte-moderno?context=wanderlist&context_id=26915) is located just steps from the hotel. The Mendoza City Tour bus (http://www.afar.com/highlights/hop-on-hop-off-city-bus-tour?context=wanderlist&context_id=27025), a great way to see the city, has a bus stop and ticket center located right across the street. Four smaller plazas encircle the Park Hyatt Mendoza; they're lined with gorgeous towering sycamore trees and the city's charming restaurants, wine bars, clothing boutiques, and tour agency offices.

Casa Antucura



Hotel Summary:

Casa Antucura is an idyllic eight suite wine lodge with majestic views of the Andes Mountains. Located in the heart of the Uco Valley, the farm-house inspired boutique hotel is a remote getaway to relax and contemplate Mendoza's beauty. Characterized by elegance and refinement, the country home was built for guests to enjoy the picturesque working vineyard and its fine wines.

Peruse the lodge's art collection and expansive second-floor library with over 7,500 multilingual books amassed by the hotel's French owner. From coffee table books on travel to celebrated classics, the library is an eclectic collection worth exploring. After you curl up next to the fireplace to read in the luminous sitting room, melt your stress in the semi-Olympic outdoor swimming pool surrounded by a beautiful rose garden or pamper yourself with a soothing body treatment in the spa.

Need to Know:

Casa Antucura, Barandica S/N, Finca Antucura, Vista Flores; +54 0261 550 6180;

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From USD 325 with breakfast included; Eight suites including four Master Suites and four Junior Suites

Check-in: 2:00pm; checkout: 11:00am

Dining option: Casa Antucura's intimate restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The executive chef prepares fixed three-course evening menus that guests can modify to their palate and pair with wines from Antucura winery. Only the freshest ingredients are used, showcasing the flavors, textures and aromas of Mendoza. Reservations must be requested at least 24 hours in advance.

Spa and gym details: The spa offers a range of healing massages that utilize olive extracts, volcanic basalt, clay masks, wine lotions, essential oils, reflexology and Ayurvedic treatments to restore physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing.

Insider Tips:

- *Who's it for/who's it best for:* Wine lovers and bookworms craving fresh country air with memorable mountain vistas.
- *Our favorite rooms:* The 480-sq.ft. Master Suite with expansive windows overlooking the majestic *El Cordon de Plata* and *El Portillo* mountains.
- *Insider Tip:* Take a horseback ride through the winery and trails leading out into the mountains. Don't miss a complimentary winetasting in the Antucura winery. If you'd rather relax in your suite, check out the hotel's collection of 1,500 DVDs.

Neighborhood Vibe:

A 75-minute drive south of downtown Mendoza—at the foot of the Andes mountain range—lies the Uco Valley. The terroir of the Uco Valley is conducive to growing quality wine grapes, especially Mendoza's flagship Malbec grape, as well as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Torrontes, and Chardonnay. Some of the world's most significant winemakers have been lured to Uco Valley's fertile soil. Tour the region's state-of-the-art wineries, gourmet restaurants, golf courses, and majestic mountains on your own or let one Mendoza's upscale tour agencies plan your wine itinerary and outdoor excursions.

Algodon Wine Estates



Hotel Summary:

Golf, tennis, horseback riding, mountains, vineyards and mouthwatering food and wine all in one place sounds like heaven to some. Algodon Wine Estates rolls across 2,000-acres of picturesque foothills in San Rafael, Mendoza. The land is blossoming with walnut, pear and plum orchards, miles of olive groves and a world-class vineyard producing a wide-range of varietals. Eight estancia-style suites are housed in the Algodon Villa and Algodon Lodge featuring wood-burning chimneys and wraparound stone patios overlooking the vineyard and surrounding estate.

The sprawling property has a history that dates back to Argentina's golf legend Jose Jurado, whose descendants (also professional golfers) owned and designed the first nine-holes of the estate's golf course. Today's 18-hole course winds through lush vineyards, glacial water reservoirs, olive trees and fruit orchards. The championship tennis facilities feature seven clay courts, one hard court and two grass courts. With such an attractive range of on-property activities it might take some willpower for guests to venture beyond the estate grounds, but the natural wonders surrounding San Rafael are worth a visit.

Need to Know:

Algodon Wine Estates, Ruta Nacional 144, km 674, San Rafael, Mendoza; +54 260 442 9020
www.algodonwineestates.com

Rates from USD 260 excluding taxes; Eight suites

Check-in: 2:00pm; checkout: 10:00am; Late checkout is available for 2:00pm or 6:00pm if the room is not booked.

Dining options: The clubhouse restaurant specializes in fresh, farm-to-table cuisine, much of it harvested from the estate. Built amidst an olive grove with local wood, stone, straw and reed, the atmosphere reflects the clubhouses' traditional menu of gourmet Argentine fare using clay ovens, a flame broiling pit and classic *parrillas* (grills). Algodon Wine Estates is also home to a boutique, state-of-the-art winery where guests can pair meals with the winery's Malbec, Bonarda, Semillon, Chardonnay and its celebrated ultra-premium wine: PIMA.

Spa and gym details: There is no spa or gym on property.

Insider Tips:

- *Who's it for/who's it best for:* Travelers who love to stay active outdoors playing golf, tennis or horseback riding and finishing their day in the clubhouse with a glass of quality Malbec in hand.
- *Our favorite rooms:* The Algodon Villa was originally built in 1921 and has been fully restored to its original farmhouse design with adobe walls and a rustic cane roof. Its three suites enjoy panoramic vineyard views and cozy fireplaces.
- *Insider Tip:* Algodon Wine Estates will let you create your own personal wine label by buying a barrel of wine, which they produce, label and ship to you.

Neighborhood Vibe:

Nestled in the southern region of the Mendoza Province, Algodon Wine Estates is easily accessed from Mendoza City with a 2 ½ hour drive (about 155 miles) through scenic wine country along the breathtaking Andes Mountain range. San Rafael—Mendoza's second largest city with 200,000 inhabitants—is currently experiencing an economic, cultural and demographic expansion; as a result, new sidewalk cafés, wineries, museums, and boutique hotels are popping up in the area. Three hundred days of annual sunshine make San Rafael an ideal place to enjoy the great outdoors and the activities are plentiful: whitewater rafting; canoeing; camping; horseback riding; hiking; rock climbing; and fishing. Don't miss Valle Grande, Argentina's mini Grand Canyon or the stunning scenery of Rio Atuel and Rio Diamante.

Finca Adalgisa



Hotel Summary:

Staying at Finca Adalgisa is like visiting your Argentine relative's five-acre working vineyard. The 11 residential rooms and suites are comfortable and cozy with fireplaces that are lit during the evenings. The Furlotti family has lived on this Chacras de Coria farm for more than three generations, cultivating the vineyard's 80-year-old Malbec vines and age-old fruit and olive trees. The owner, Gabriela Furlotti, lives on property and offers warm personal service at every turn. Her two dogs and several cats are friendly mascots who roam the farm and communal areas happily greeting guests.

You can also get a close-up look at the "finca" in action whether it's harvesting grapes or extracting olive oil. There's a swimming pool in the garden and bikes available for exploring the

surrounding area and visiting other wineries. In the evening, you'll be served a complimentary glass of wine with tapas. The finca also offers cooking classes in the outdoor *horno de barro* (brick oven), where you'll prepare authentic regional dishes and a classic Argentine *asado* (barbecue) experience. Rustic and romantic, Finca Adalgisa is a great option for traveler's looking for privacy with a homey feel.

Need to Know:

Finca Adalgisa, Pueyrredon 2222, Chacras de Coria, Mendoza; +54 261 496 0713; reservas@fincaadalgisa.com.ar

www.fincaadalgisa.com.ar

Rates from USD 310 including taxes, breakfast and a daily glass of wine in the winery; Six standard rooms and five suites; Closed from June 1st to October 1st for low season
Check-in: 3:00pm; checkout: 11:00am

Dining options: Complimentary tapas and cheese platters are offered nightly to guests. Two and a half hour cooking classes are available by appointment where guests receive instruction from a professional Argentine chef how to prepare “*empanadas Mendocinas*” in the clay oven, grill meats and vegetables with fresh *chumichurri* sauce made with house olives, and how to caramelize fruit in a clay oven topped with herbs from the garden. Argentine *asados* can be booked nightly at 8:00pm, where guests will enjoy copious amounts of fresh beef and Malbec wine from the vineyard.

Spa and gym details: Finca Adalgisa books guests' spa treatments at Entre Cielos' Hammam + Spa. <http://www.afar.com/highlights/hammam-and-spa-at-entre-cielos>

Insider Tips:

- *Who's it for/who's it best for:* Food, wine and animal lovers who want an authentic Argentine experience delivered by a hospitable Argentine.
- *Our favorite rooms:* Each room is unique, but the first floor suite with a private terrace and fireplace is a favorite among couples.
- *Insider Tip:* Book an *asado* at the hotel. It's a celebrated cultural tradition where you'll get to experience firsthand a beloved Argentine custom—sharing food and wine with family and friends. You'll snack on olives from the property, nibble on cheese and cured meats while sipping on the finca's delicious Malbec. Enjoy friendly conversation while the *asador* (barbecue chef) grills Argentina's finest beef over hot embers. Don't fill up too fast, the meat comes out in several rounds and you'll want to leave room to try all the different cuts. Make sure you taste a glass of Fernet, the country's most popular liqueur.

Neighborhood Vibe:

A charming suburb 20-minutes outside city center, Chacras de Coria is a residential area that has transformed into an extension of downtown Mendoza with its quaint boutiques, notable wineries and some of the city's finest restaurants. Explore the area by bicycle, stopping to stroll through Plaza de Chacras where you'll find Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro—an enchanting church and treasured architectural gem. On Sundays there is an open-air market in the plaza where vendors sell artisan wares and locals gather to enjoy the live music.

Posada Borravino



Hotel Summary:

Posada Borravino is tucked away along one of Mendoza's oldest poplar-lined streets in Chacras de Coria. The country-inn with eight distinct guestrooms offers a peaceful respite in a quiet Mendocenean neighborhood. The hotel's décor is simple but elegant, clean and refreshing with rustic chic furniture, patina walls and high white-washed wooden ceilings.

A boutique hotel experience in every sense, guests frequently mingle in the sun-drenched living room and cultivate friendships over bottles of Malbec and long evening *asados* (barbecues). The back garden provides an inviting atmosphere to enjoy a good book, dip in the small swimming pool or soak up the tranquil atmosphere. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable about what to do and see in Mendoza from winery tours to adventure activities. In the evenings, Posada Borravino is lit up by dozens of scented candles, creating a magical ambience that casts a rosy glow on your entire stay.

Need to Know:

Posada Borravino, Medrano 2658, Chacras de Coria, Mendoza; +54 261 496 4445;

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<http://www.posadaborravino.com>

Rates from USD 150 excluding taxes; Eight guestrooms: Closed from May 1st to August 31st for low season.

Check-in: 3:00pm; checkout: 11:00am

Dining options: Posada Borravino offers a daily breakfast buffet. The hotel's main dining room, Borravino Secret Restaurant, opens at 7:00pm and offers a typical *asado* experience and a menu of traditional dishes including empanadas cooked in clay oven, pastas, fish, cured meats and salads. All meals are paired with premium wines from Mendoza's top wineries.

Reservations for in-house guests are not required.

Spa and gym details: There is no spa or gym on property.

Insider Tips:

- *Who's it for/who's it best for:* Couples looking for a romantic retreat to enjoy life's simple pleasures outside the hustle and bustle of downtown Mendoza.

- *Our favorite rooms:* Room No. 5 (Malbec) and room No. 8 (Cabernet Sauvignon) have balconies overlooking the garden.
- *Insider Tip:* Don't miss the delicious breakfast spread to enjoy in the garden replete with Mendocenean pancakes, croissants, cured meats, fresh yogurt, cereal and homemade jam with assorted breads.

Neighborhood Vibe:

Explore Mendoza's enchanting residential suburb by bicycle—visiting Chacras de Coria's boutique wineries, tea houses, wine bars, and upscale restaurants. The rustic roads and tree-lined streets give the neighborhood a charming country feel, but the area has become an extension of downtown Mendoza for its wining and dining. Check out the main square, Plaza de Chacras, and its historic church Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. On Sundays there is an open-air market where vendors sell artisan wares and locals gather to enjoy the live music.