

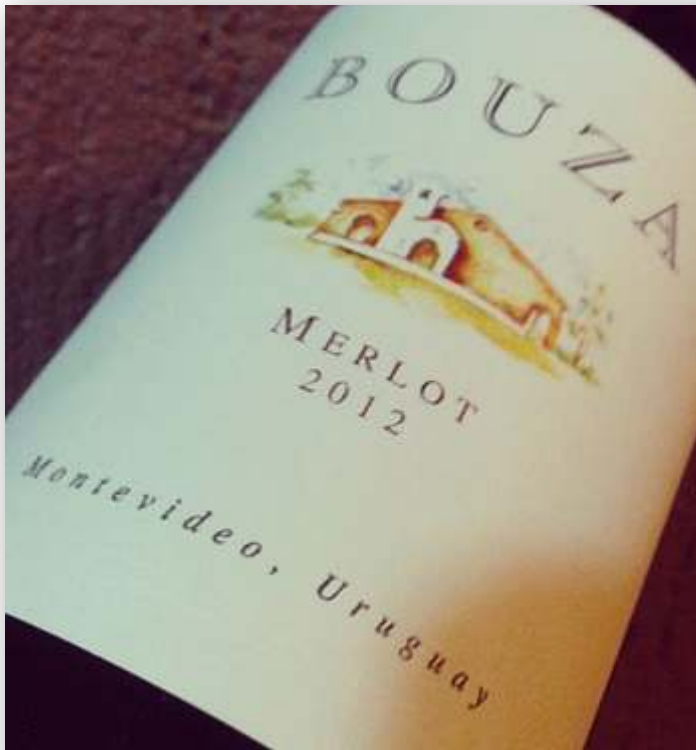
Bouza, B9 Merlot 2011

Drink 2015-2021

11 months in new French oak. Bottled unfiltered.

Tasting Notes: Deep crimson. Lovely pure fruit on the nose – ripe plum and red fruits and just a touch of oak spice, the oak not able to overwhelm the fruit's intensity. Firm but rounded tannins, freshness more marked than on the Tempranillo despite the much higher alcohol, which is remarkably just in balance. Ripe, moreish and long. (JH) 16%

BODEGA BOUZA



Juan and Elisa established Bodega Bouza in 2000 by restoring a historic winery first built in 1942 by Numa Pesquera.

Since then the winery has established itself as Uruguay's most critically acclaimed producer. Grapes are sourced from Bouza's two estate vineyards in the Canelones region. The 5 hectare Melilla Vineyard surrounds Bodega Bouza, located in the northwest section of Montevideo. The 12 hectare Las Violetas Vineyard is 39 km north of Montevideo in the Violetas subregion of Canelones.

This temperate, Atlantic-influenced climate sees four distinct seasons and temperatures rarely exceed 93 degrees. Each half hectare is vinified on its own before selection for various cuvees. While Bouza is receiving worldwide attention for their Tannat bottlings, the winery is also responsible some of the most interesting Tempranillo, Merlot, Chardonnay, and Albarino in South America.

