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These are the most exciting discoveries from our editors' most recent tastings, published exclusively in *Wine Spectator Insider*. They are high-scoring, low-production wines from around the world that may be difficult to find, but are worth seeking out.

ACHÁVAL-FERRER

Malbec Mendoza Finca Altamira 2006

96 points | \$112 | 600 cases imported | Red

Piercing aromas of violets, iron and blueberry fruit are followed by a massively rich, yet amazingly pure, precise palate of boysenberry and blackberry flavors. Riveting finish is loaded with minerality and dark, velvety fruit. Still young, with loads in reserve. Best from 2009 through 2018. From Argentina. —J.M.

ACHÁVAL-FERRER

Malbec Mendoza Finca Mirador 2006

95 points | \$112 | 700 cases imported | Red

Stunning nose, with a high-toned violet note running through waves of warm blueberry, fig, boysenberry and raspberry compote. Intense palate is superracy, with superb underlying minerality driving the fruit through a long, seamless finish. Flaunts power without ever getting bombastic. A real stunner. Drink now through 2018. From Argentina. —J.M.

Wine Spectator's 100-Point Scale

95-100 Classic 90-94 Outstanding 85-89 Very good 80-84 Good 75-79 Mediocre 50-74 Not recommended