



Brazil

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**Aurora Vinicola
Serra Gaúcha**

White Wines

Chardonnay 2012

89 2013-16

Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013

The nose is lime fresh citrus and apple and although the start of the palate has the same mix of fresh fruit the mid palate is richer with some ripe greengage. Under this sweeter fruit the citrus mix refreshes.

Red Wines

Pinot Noir 2012

88 2013-16

Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013

The nose is remarkably sweet and fleshy with rich mulberries. There are layers of flavour on the palate the freshness of raspberry with the sweetness of ripe fleshy strawberry.

Tannat 2011

90 2013-18

Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013

The nose has lots of different flavours some fresh red fruits backed by sweeter richer black. The tannins are well handled rounded and ripe and then towards the back bramble refreshes and lightens the finish.

**Basso Winery
Sierra Gaúcha**

White Wines

Virtus Chardonnay 2012

89 2013-16

Tasted in Lilley June 2013

There is a lot of fruit on the nose some melon and richer pineapple with the sweetness of the fruit giving a fleshy start to the palate. There is enough underlying acidity to refresh with pineapple depth of flavour filling out the finish.

Red Wines

Virtus Tannat 2011**90 2013-18***Tasted in Lilley June 2013*

Black cherry is rich filling out the nose and giving depth of flavour on the start of the palate. The tannins are well handled firm yet rounded giving support but not dominating. The black fruited mix is underpinned by bitter chocolate with lots of black cherry coming through on the finish.

**Campos de Cima
Rio Grande do Sul**

White Wines**Viognier 2014****88 2015-18*****Viognier Chardonnay****Tasted at the LWF Kensington Olympia May 2015*

Peach apricot nose the start of the palate has depth of flavour. There is mid freshness some lime and grapefruit with the peach apricot mix giving slightly more depth on the finish.

**Pizzato Winery
Serra Gaúcha**

Red Wines**Fausto Cabernet Sauvignon 2010****88 2013-17***Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013*

Bilberry refreshes the nose and the start of the palate has the same freshness. The mid palate is richer with ripe cassis and a touch of black cherry and this gives a little more weight on the finish.

Fausto Merlot 2009**86 2013-16***Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013*

The black fruits on both nose and palate are herbal and leafy with the start of the palate light and fresh. Although slightly sweeter in the middle towards the back there is a fresh herbal greenness that spoils.

Fausto Tannat 2010**88 2015-18***Tasted at the LWF Kensington Olympia May 2015*

Blueberry and bramble the nose is fresh slightly herbal and the start of the palate is bright. Richer in the middle the black fruited sweetness backed by red cherry and mulberry with the fruit flavours lingering on the finish.

Fausto Tannat Reserve 2007**86 2013-16***Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013*

Bramble and bilberry refresh the nose and the start of the palate is light and fresh fruited. It fills out in the middle some sweeter flavours but the finish is light fresh and lacking real substance.

Fausto Verve 2009

87

2013-16

Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Tannat 30% Merlot 30%

Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013

The nose is fresh red fruit dominated and the start of the palate light with a mix of red fruits and bilberry. Although in the middle there is a fresh charm it lacks richness and depth with tannin very much in evidence at the back.

Concentus 2007

87

2013-17

Merlot 55% Tannat 30% Cabernet Sauvignon 15%

Tasted at the London International Wine Fair May 2013

The mix of red and black fruits is fresh leafy and herbal. The mid palate lacks depth and although the tannins feel quite ripe the acidity is high leaving the finish very slightly bitter and quite short.

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