

## tim atkin argentina 2015 Special Report

## 95

2013 Per Se La Craie 14.5% Gualtallary

Unlike Iubileus, La Craie comes from Edy Del Popolo's own 1.6-hectare vineyard in Gualtallary. It's a blend of Malbec with 35% Cabernet Franc and shows the coolness of the season with focus, elegance and concentration. Smoky black fruits, lots of chalky bite and a green pepper undertone, this fulfils the promise of the first release. Drink: 2017-24

## 94

2013 Per Se Francesa

14.6% Chacayes

Francesa is a three-way blend of Malbec, Merlot and Cabernet Franc and is a new wine for this impressive operation in 2013. Sourced from high Chacayes, it's more backward and tannic than the winery's other releases with firmish tannins and bigger, bolder, drier flavours. Another one to cellar. Drink: 2017-25

## 94

2013 Per Se Iubileus Malbec

14.5% Gualtallary

There are only 800 bottles of Edy Del Popolo's blend of Malbec with 3% Cabernet Franc, which is a shame, because this wine deserves a wider audience. Deeply coloured and intense, it's very much a high Uco Valley style with concentrated blackberry fruit sustained by limestone freshness. A winery that is helping to define the new Argentina.

Drink: 2016-22