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***DURIGUTTI FAMILY WINEMAKERS***  
***chosen as one of the 50 best vineyards in the world for 2023.***

***The winery is celebrating a year of major international awards and is consolidating Las Compuertas' reputation as a leading viticultural region and tourist attraction.***

On July 12, the awards ceremony for the world's best oenotourism wineries and vineyards was held in Rioja, Spain. **DURIGUTTI FAMILY WINEMAKERS came in at number 13 in the international ranking of the 50 WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS.** The nomination and voting process involves the more than five hundred international wine, gastronomy and travel experts who are members of the Academy and was organized by the prestigious British multimedia company Williams Reed.

"The award fills of us with pride and joy. It certainly confirms that we have chosen the right path for Las Compuertas and the international value of our vineyard. We are privileged to live in an area with such a precious heritage and a great viticultural legacy where our goal has always been to restore a historic town and the land around it to its former glory. We want people to talk about the area, our home, and to position the Las Compuertas GI as one of the best vineyards in the world, somewhere people come to visit and enjoy themselves," says Héctor Durigutti, the oenologist and co-owner.

Durigutti Family Winemakers came into being in 2002 with the winery's first wine, while in 2007 they bought 5 hectares of vineyard in Las Compuertas and named it Finca Victoria. Today, this 40-hectare estate dedicated to sustainable, organic certified, agriculture is a holistic viticultural, tourism and gastronomic project. The family enterprise has been making wines for over twenty years led by a pair of first-generation oenologist siblings (Héctor and Pablo Durigutti), and has already met with significant success. In 2021 they launched the winery headquarters at the vineyard and opened their doors to visitors with tours, events and guest houses, followed in April 2022 by the new 5 Suelos – Cocina de Finca restaurant. The concept involves a range of experiences that speak to the authenticity of the local area and the estate with wine as a common thread running through the stunning natural landscape and biodiverse ecosystem.

'This has been a great year in which we are reaping the fruits of many years of work, a life dedicated to wine and a project that speaks for itself, that reflects us as a family, fills us with satisfaction and challenges us to keep improving day after day. To have joined some of the best wineries in the world so soon after beginning our venture into tourism will only encourage us to push for more. We always dreamed of leaving a legacy for the generations to come and of being excellent hosts because we love to open up the doors to our vineyard, our home, to receive people from all around the world, to make people feel at home in Las Compuertas and teach them about the rich bounty the area has to offer,' says Pablo Durigutti.

This year, the World's Best Vineyards ranking featured 6 Argentine wineries in recognition of the quality and unique nature of the experiences they have to offer, reaffirming the fact that Argentina is a major global wine destination with a wide range of different opportunities, excellent service and wonderful attractions of great appeal to international visitors in which wine, cuisine and natural beauty abound, as does the warmth of the country's people.



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## FINCA VICTORIA

Finca Victoria's long term master plan has always been founded in sustainable development, constructed around the concept of a village that emerges in independent volumes in harmony with their surroundings with carefully curated landscaping integrated into the biome that preserves the native fauna and forest, promotes the use of local produce from the vegetable garden and neighbouring producers, conserves local history, grape varieties and olive groves, prioritizes regional human resources – especially local crafts that offer opportunities for personal growth – and seeks to generate experiences with a low environmental impact but that establish a close emotional connection to the area.

## WORKING AS A TEAM

'Taking part in these high-level international events for the first time has been a very enriching process, full of lessons for the entire team. Each member of the team has made this possible, giving the best of themselves to share our work throughout the value chain at the winery, with humility and authenticity but especially a deep love for what we do. We place great emphasis on celebrating all those who choose to visit us, sharing our authentic experiences in a place with a very special energy. That wouldn't be possible without a team who works so hard every day with such dedication, who understand and believe in the concept, the guiding philosophy of a family enterprise of great character,' says Carina Valicati, Director of Marketing and Communications.

## OTHER RECENT AWARDS:

Over the years the winery has received many excellent scores for its wines, however over the past few months it has enjoyed a wave of recognition that reflects its sustained, consistent efforts in the spheres of viticulture and tourism. Major recent awards include:

- Héctor and Pablo Durigutti – Best Oenologists of the Year, 2023, Tim Atkin.
- Decanter Wine Awards – Best in Show Platinum Medal – Durigutti Pie de Monte Malbec Finca Las Jarillas 2020.
- Best of Wine Tourism 2023 by Great Wine Capitals – Silver Award – Restaurant Excellence 5 Suelos – Cocina de Finca.
- Héctor Durigutti - Fortuna Award for Entrepreneurs 2023 – Revista Fortuna
- Durigutti Family Winemakers – Boutique Viticultural Company 2022 from the AEM (Mendoza Executives Association).

## ABOUT THE WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS:

THE WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS (WBV) is a prestigious international ranking organized every year by William Reed, a renowned British communications platform with a 160 year history promoting the best of the drinks and food sector. Creator of the acclaimed 50 BEST lists for restaurants and bars, they also promote the World's Best Vineyards awards, in order to share the best wine tourism experiences available across the world. Every year, the list spans five continents featuring the best experiences the globe has to offer; architectural wonders, ancient wineries, first class restaurants and small but authentic family vineyards, all of them superlative holiday destinations.

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