

MARICHAL

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Winegrowing in Uruguay

- Uruguay located on the east coast of South America, it is a little smaller than the state of Washington and has a population of over 3 million.
- Uruguay is bordered by Brazil to the north, Argentina to the west and the Atlantic Ocean on the east.
- Many of the winemakers are descendants of Basque immigrants who brought the tradition of wine cultivation to the new land.
- Half of the country is surrounded by Atlantic beaches while inland areas are striped and dotted with streams and reservoirs contributing to the ideal conditions and irrigation for grape cultivation.
- Tannat is the premier grape of the country, still there are a few common varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Merlot that grow well in Uruguay.
- A combination of mild climate and cool Atlantic breezes help to transform the Tannat varietal into Uruguay's own signature grape. The tannic structure of the Tannat grape, which was first planted in the 1870's by Basque immigrants, is tamed and relaxed by the loamy soil creating a remarkably attractive and deep-hued wine associated with innovative wine growers in Uruguay.
- There are close to 300 wineries and bodegas across the country located in 16-19 wine regions or "departments." In the south, 60% of Uruguay's wine growing happens in the department of Canalones.
- Marichal is a third-generation winery, one of the top family-owned artisan wine producers in all of Uruguay. Their *Premium Varietal* line of wines includes Tannat, Merlot and an unoaked Chardonnay.



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