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## 2009 Bodegas Callia Alta Malbec, San Juan, Argentina



Bodegas Callia is situated in the Tulum Valley in Argentina's province of San Juan. It is nestled between the Pie de Palo hills to the north and the Cerro Chico Del Zonsa to the south. Two finca estates encompass 700 acres of land: Finca Pie de Palo and Finca 9 De Julio. At 630 meters above sea level, the area is blessed by temperate climate, low rainfall and rich sandy alluvial and clay loam soil; the result is intense and fruity wines that reflect the rich terroir of this region.

Born from passion and legend, Bodegas Callia is named for a young woman who arrived in the land of San Juan many years ago. She wrote to her family describing San Juan as paradise endowed with abundant fruits despite the desert landscape. Her name was Callia and today, for the people of Argentina, Callia is synonymous with hope, endurance and success.

Bodegas Callia celebrates the spirit of this illustrious woman. The winery's goal is to produce the best wines in San Juan and to be among the best producers in Argentina. Along with creating quality wines, they continue to respect and support the people, nature and community from which their wines are created.

We liked this wine for its fresh fruit-driven character, and the delicate tannic structure which will allow this wine to shine with everything from a rich pasta or pizza dish to any grilled meat dish. The enticing aromas of plums, cherries and spices lead into a palate that is medium-bodied, elegant and suave with a nice fruit-filled, lingering finish.

**\$9.99 per bottle or \$101.90 per case (\$8.49)**

*Galeto ao Primo Canto, no Restaurante Via Veneto em Porto Alegre.  
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