

Doña Paula, Cafayate Valley (Argentina) Torrontés 2009 (\$16, Vineyard Brands):

This striking wine is the single best rendering of Torrontés I've ever tasted. The aromas are intensely floral and perfumed, and yet not overbearing. Also remarkable is the fact that there's nothing discordant in the sensory relation of the floral aromatics and a palate that is essentially dry. This is largely thanks to extraordinary acidity that freshens the finish and integrates the wine's aromatic and flavor components. Many bottlings of Torrontés from Mendoza are based on over-cropped fruit that lacks structure and snap, but this bottling from Salta shows just how good this grape can get when taken seriously. **91** [Michael Franz](#) *Oct 20, 2009*