



BODEGAS CARO, Mendoza ARGENTINA



ARUMA 2011

89pts

The 2011 Aruma has a fresh bouquet of brambly blackberry fruit laced with cedar and tobacco. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins. There is a slight leafiness towards the finish that is endearing, lending it freshness and vitality. This is a very commendable wine for the price. Drink now-to 2015.

For those who can no longer accompany every dinner with a bottle of Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, there is always this Argentinean estate, Bodegas Caro, which offers high quality wines at far more affordable prices. Debuting with the 1999/2000 harvest, the bodega farms their own vineyards and supplements them from out-sourced fruit. Tasted both in the UK and in Argentina, I admired the fact that there is an inescapable, tangible Old World tincture to these wines that lends them personality and breeding, perhaps a welcome antidote to the more hedonistic wines that flourish.

by Neal Martin (end 2012)

