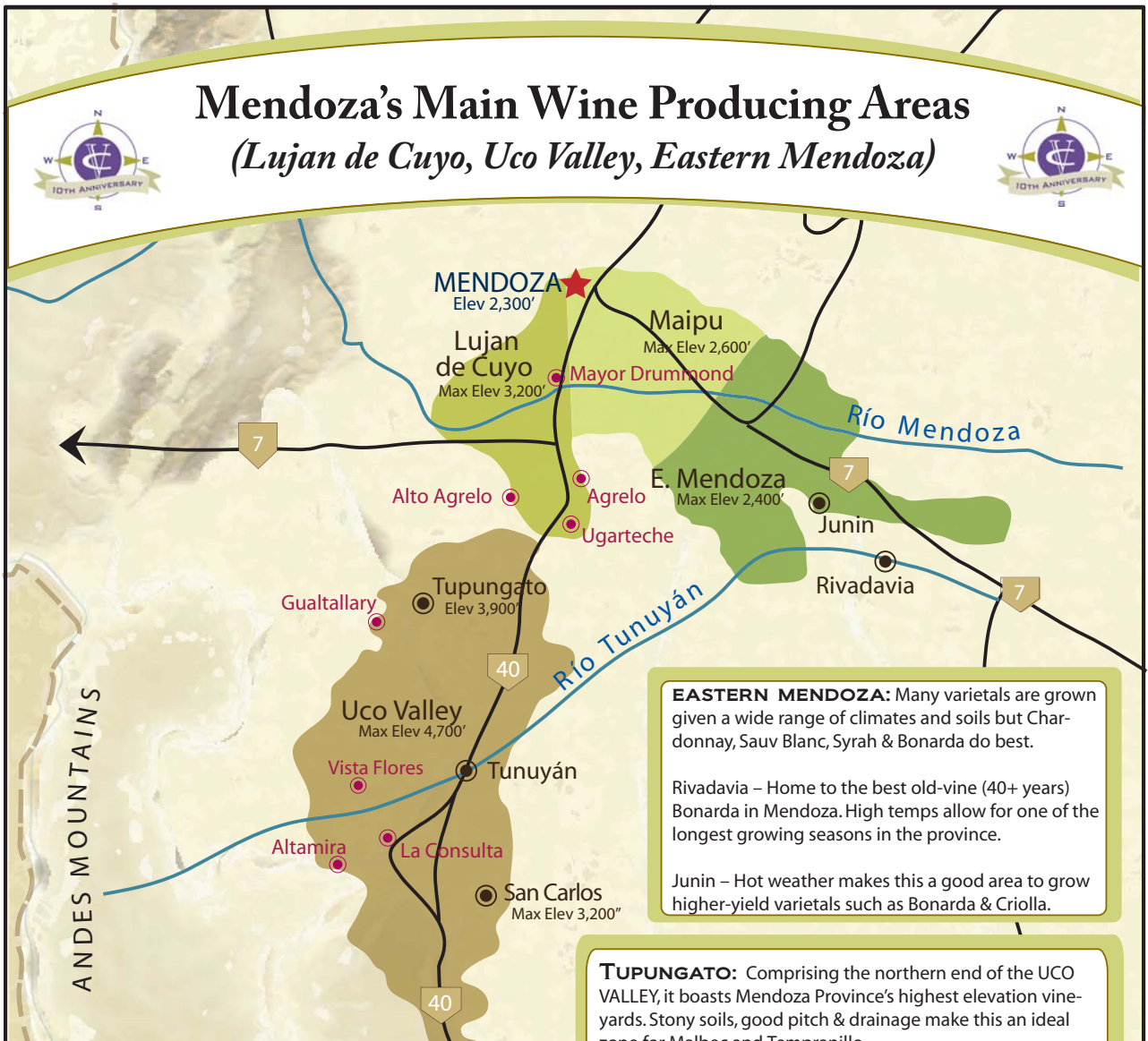


# Mendoza's Main Wine Producing Areas

## (Lujan de Cuyo, Uco Valley, Eastern Mendoza)



**EASTERN MENDOZA:** Many varietals are grown given a wide range of climates and soils but Chardonnay, Sauv Blanc, Syrah & Bonarda do best.

Rivadavia – Home to the best old-vine (40+ years) Bonarda in Mendoza. High temps allow for one of the longest growing seasons in the province.

Junin – Hot weather makes this a good area to grow higher-yield varietals such as Bonarda & Criolla.

**TUPUNGATO:** Comprising the northern end of the UCO VALLEY, it boasts Mendoza Province's highest elevation vineyards. Stony soils, good pitch & drainage make this an ideal zone for Malbec and Tempranillo.

Gualtallary – Highest planted sub-district in Mendoza (4,500 ft). Also great for growing Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

**TUNUYÁN:** Comprising the mid-southern end of the UCO VALLEY, it enjoys vital, pure irrigation water provided by the Tunuyan River.

Vista Flores – Situated on the west side of the UCO VALLEY with an open exposure to the Andes, it is a great place to grow deeply-flavored, but soft-tannin Malbec as well as Syrah.

**SAN CARLOS:** Comprises the southern reach of the UCO VALLEY. Though a newer vineyard zone, it contains small plots of some 60+-year-old vineyards.

Altamira – Sub-district of La Consulta, known for Malbec and isolated old-vine plantings. Closer to the Andes than many districts, so it benefits from cooler temperatures.

La Consulta – Though generally a newer region, it is quickly becoming the hot district for cool-weather Malbec, producing darkly-colored, dark-fruit profile wines.

**LUJAN DE CUYO:** Home to many well-known wineries such as Catena, Chandon, Dominio del Plata, & Mendel, this department has a series of microclimates with both warm and cool climate styles of Malbec.

Agrelo – District in Lujan de Cuyo, originally known as the "Napa of Mendoza" for its excellent Cabernet Sauvignon. The last decade has proven its ability to produce great Malbec and other Bordeaux varietals.

Alto Agrelo – Though not an official appellation, this band of vineyards on the far Western side of Agrelo shows its own distinctive cooler-climate Malbec character.

Mayor Drummond - District within Lujan de Cuyo with very old, low yield vineyards that produce very concentrated wines with lots of red fruit and soft tannins.

Ugarteche – A district at the southern limit of Lujan de Cuyo, known for aromatic Malbec and for producing Malbec with warm, red fruit character.