



## A NEW WINE-GEARED RESORT IN MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

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He thought others would want a similar experience, and the Vines of Mendoza, essentially a vineyard done co-op style, was born. Nine years later, 127 owners from all over the world oversee their private plots (anywhere from three to ten acres) and enjoy the 230 singular wines produced on the property.

The Vines Resort & Spa, which will open officially to guests on January 15, takes the concept a step further, encompassing 22 spacious, one- and two-bedroom villas (some of which offer superb views of the Andes) that make use of local wood and stone. The restaurant Siete Fuegos, helmed by Argentine chef Francis Mallmann, who is renowned for cooking with fire, opened for lunch last month. The spa, which will feature viniculture-focused treatments, debuts in February.

The resort’s goal is to have guests take part in an authentic encounter with the gorgeous landscape and culture—to learn some Spanish, acquaint with the cuisine, tango. And though wine is the cornerstone, there is no shortage of additional activities. Hiking, horseback riding and fly-fishing are available, as well as a climbing wall, running trails and a gym that overlooks the vineyards. And for those who fall in love with the surroundings, the option to buy into the Vines of Mendoza is always there—proving a more permanent setup in paradise is sometimes best. Rooms start at \$650; Ruta Provincial 94, km. 11, Tunuyan, Uco Valley; 54-261/461- 3900; vinesresortandspa.com.

