Barreal Blanco
San Juan, Argentina, nestled in a valley flanked by Andean mountains. Cultivated and vineyards (green) dot the landscape in the metropolitan area of the San Juan River. To the “nudist” (lower left) is an ancient glacial called Barreal Blanco. It is one of the best places in the world for extreme climate, or blackening, thanks to the steady winds that sweep across this flat, arid, and unrelenting expanse of hard-packed sediment.”

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