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*"The large number of winemakers who trained at UC Davis is also a significant factor in Chile's success. Comparisons with California are appropriate for other reasons, most notably the fact that both lie on the eastern edge of the Pacific Ocean with cold waters off the coast. This factor helps moderate the temperatures, giving the best vineyards of both a temperate Mediterranean climate. However, **Chilean wines typically have brighter aromas and taste crisper than those of the same varietals from California.**"*

*"Most of the current releases from Chile show many high points for wine consumers looking for bright, fresh reds and whites, which underline the continued greatness of the wine country. **There has never been a better time to drink Chilean wines.**" –JS*

Gillmore Vigno Old Vines Carignan 2014 **94 points**

Lovely carignan with slate, granite and blueberry aromas. Full body, round and juicy tannins and a polished and caressing finish. I love the texture and character to this red.

Gillmore Old Vines Cabernet Franc 2014 **92 points**

A bright and fresh red with cherry and blackberry aromas that follow through to a medium body, fine tannins and a clean finish. Focused and refined.

Gillmore Mariposa 2014 **92 points**

Aromas of dark fruits, dried mushroom and dusty soil follow through to a full body, firm and tight mouthfeel, fine and chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Syrah and merlot.

2018 ARGENTINA REPORT

"The current releases on the market are indeed the best wines from Argentine wineries. Try a few and understand the excitement." –JS

Tercos Torrontes 2017 **92 points**

An innovate style of torrontes. Very flinty and super-fresh. Ripe, with juicy peach fruit. Polished acidity and a very dry, minerally finish.

Tercos Bonarda 2017 **89 points**

Sweet red cherries, lavender and spices. Pretty and fruity if a little short on the finish.

Aniello Chardonnay 006 2017 **90 points**

Perhaps this is a little simple, but it has very attractive pear fruit with a hint of pineapple. Medium body and a long, clean finish.

Aniello Pinot Noir 006 2017 **90 points**

Lots of citrus and orange rind here, but there's no shortage of Chinese spices, incense, herbs and asphalt. The palate is taut with lots of tension and red fruit supported by firm tannins.

Funckenhausen Malbec Blend 2017 **90 points**

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Funckenhausen Dry Rose 2017 **88 points**

A full-bodied rosé with some red-wine character in spite of the pale color. Quite a polished finish. A wine to drink with substantial food. A blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc.

2018 CHILE REPORT

"The quantity of good wine produced in Chile is truly staggering." –JS

Calcu Cabernet Franc 2014 **91 points**

Quite a serious cabernet franc with considerable ripeness and bold tannins. Plenty of life, too, and some fragrant berry and violet notes.

Calcu Gr. Resv. Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 **91 points**

Floral and very pretty with crushed violets, blackcurrants and citrus as well as cloves and baking spices. Medium to full body, lovely freshness and vitality...

Calcu Carmenere 2015 **91 points**

Quite a powerful; wine with a very satisfying balance. There's a hint of fruitcake (raisins and spices) on the nose, but no sign of the vegetal aromas that put some people off this grape.

Calcu Malbec 2014 **90 points**

This is a pretty massive, tannic wine, but if you like them that way or you love rich food like cassoulet then this might light your fire. There's a sweetness at the finish.

Calcu Sauvignon Blanc 2016 **90 points**

Generous and fresh. Captures both the ripe and vibrant sides of sauvignon blanc's personality in a very balanced way. Easy to enjoy and a very good food wine. Drink now.

Calcu Rosé 2017 **90 points**

Intense herbal and red berry aromas. A powerful but crisp rosé. Stands out in a crowded category.

Maquis Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 **92 points**

A fragrant and attractive nose of blackcurrants, spices, herbs. Full body, nicely structured with grainy tannins, vibrant acidity and a spicy finish.

Maquis Carmenere Viola 2013 **92 points**

A beautiful mature wine that's both rich and elegant with pine forest character and a long, dry finish.

