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■ CHILE REPORT

"Chilean viticulturists are pushing innovation to the limits and some of the highest-rated wines in their history are being released on the market. And they are joining the ranks of some of the best of the world, from balanced and structured cabernet sauvignons to subtle yet flavorful syrahs and pinot noirs."

Apaltagua Envero Carmenere 2017, 92 points

An impressive carmenere with the more usual peppercorn character cast across dark licorice, peppermint, dark plums and cherries. Full-bodied with ripe and round tannins.

Apaltagua Coleccion Pinot Noir 2016, 91 points

Fresh and lively syrah with dried-strawberry and orange undertones. Medium body, firm tannins and a juicy finish.

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 Mariposa 2016, 92 points

Fruity cherries, dried strawberries and cranberry compote. This attractive fruit character meets with juicy tannins and bright acidity that make this very drinkable and enjoyable. Lovely tension between fruit and acidity. A blend of 50 per cent merlot and 50 per cent syrah.

Gillmore País Rosé 2018, 89 points

A slightly lifted nose with some cranberry tea, citrus and orange blossom. Light body, intense acidity and a fruity finish.

Maquis Lien 2012 93 points

A perfumed and pretty wine with medium body, firm and silky tannins. A blend of carmenere, syrah, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Lovely now to drink.

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.

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.

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Calcu Malbec 2014 90 points

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

Calcu FUTA Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, 93 points

This is a rich and composed cabernet with a wealth of cassis and dark plums, leading to a layered palate that builds the fruit in focused style.

Calcu Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, 91 points

Freshly baked berry-pastry aromas with a wealth of ripe, fleshy plums on the palate here. The tannins are quite fresh and nicely defined.

Albamar Pinot Noir 2018, 91 points

Aromas of cranberries and hints of lemon follow through to medium body. Clean and easy with a fresh finish.

■ ARGENTINA REPORT

"We looked for wines in our tasting that clearly communicate the provenance and quality of Argentina. The fact that it doesn't seem to matter what the grape type is makes it all the more exciting. This strong personality is the core of what makes Argentine wines so satisfying and fun to drink."

Ricardo Santos Semillón 2018, 91 points

A citrusy semillon with just a hint of gooseberry, then a really attractive interplay of waxy, creamy character with lively acidity, the finish long and dry. A flexible food-wine.

Funckenhause Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, 91 points

Very fresh and focused with blueberry and currant aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, balanced and refined. Pretty and satisfying. *One-liter bottle.*

Funckenhause Malbec Blend 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.

Tercos Malbec 2017, 90 points

Very fresh, brambly red and purple berries lead to a fresh palate that has a juicy and alluring texture.

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

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