

High Praises and Scores for Global Vineyard Chilean Wines

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Antiyal & Kuyen

2011 Kuyen Maipo Valley, 91 points:

"Youthful purple color. Spicy cherry, blackcurrant, licorice... Big and rich but juicy, offering lively dark berry flavors and notes of candied rose... focused on the finish... fine-grained tannins."

2011 Antiyal Maipo Valley, 92 points:

"Dark berry compote, violet, cola and woodsmoke on the highly perfumed nose... deep, spice-accented black and blue fruit flavors... Blends richness and vivacity, finishing sweet... built to age, as usual."

Apaltagua

2012 Carmenere Reserve Colchagua Valley, 88 points:

"Cherry, licorice and black pepper on the nose. Taut, juicy and focused, offering tangy red fruit... Finishes tangy and precise, and lingering spiciness."

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Signature Maipo, 90 points:

"Deeply pitched black and blue fruit aromas, vanilla and woodsmoke. Lush, creamy- displaying spicy blackberry and a touch of mocha... fine-grained tannins and lingering smokiness."

Maquis

2009 Lien Colchagua Valley, 89 points:

"Dark purple. Ripe cherry, cassis and licorice on the perfumed nose and palate. Fleshy, seamless and appealingly sweet, finishing with very good punch, a hint of black pepper..."

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valley, 88 points:

Smoke and black pepper accented aromas of cassis and blackberry... Smooth and spicy on entry, then more tangy in the mid-palate, offering juicy dark berry flavors..."

2011 Carmenere Colchagua Valley, 88 points:

"Aromas of bitter cherry and blackcurrant... Offers tangy black and blue fruit flavors, firmed by youthful, well-knit tannins."

2010 Franco Colchagua Valley, 92 points:

"Raised in all new French oak: Opaque ruby, aromas of dark berry preserves, licorice, black tea and vanilla with a smoky nuance... Rich but lively on the palate, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors... This suave cab franc is delicious now but has the depth to age."

Viña Peñalolen

2013 Sauvignon Blanc Limari Valley, 88 points:

"Bright yellow-gold. Pungent aromas of citrus zest, mint and white flowers, with a deeper pear skin nuance building with air. Taut and linear, offering tangy grapefruit and herb flavors... Closes on a dry, nervy note, with good clarity and length."

2010 Cabernet Franc Casablanca Valley, 88 points:

"Deep ruby. Pungent dark berries, cherry pit, licorice and herbs on the nose. Juicy and tightly focused, dark chocolate flavors, a peppery echo and good length."

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2011 Carmenere Colchagua Valley, 88 points:

"Aromas of candied raspberry... tangy red fruit and white pepper flavors with touch of bitter chocolate. Closes on a tangy note, with slow-building tannins and good length."

Domus Aurea

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley, 92 points:

"Vivid ruby. A heady, seductively perfumed bouquet evokes dark berry preserves, apricot, orange zest and violet, plus vanilla and mocha overtones. Pliant, appealingly sweet blackberry and cherry compote flavors show very good depth and vivacity... Closes sweet and very long, with resonating spiciness and a touch of anise."

William Cole

2012 Pinot Noir Reserve Casablanca Valley, 88 points:

"Light red. Smoky red berry and cherry aromas... Taut, focused and tangy on the palate, offering lively redcurrant, a hint of licorice. Shows good energy and cut on the finish, which is firmed by dusty, fine-grained tannins. In a refreshingly brisk style that will appeal to fans of Burgundy."

2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Resv. Colchagua, 88 points:

"Dark ruby. Ripe cherry, cassis and mint on the nose and palate. Juicy and precise, with slow-building sweetness and a touch of black pepper on the back half. Finishes with lingering spiciness, silky tannins and a touch of smokiness. This is already quite approachable."

Meli

2012 Dry Riesling Maule Valley, 88 points:

"Light yellow. Fresh citrus and orchard fruits on the fragrant, mineral-accented nose. Fleshy but refreshingly brisk and dry, offering tangy grapefruit... Closes spicy and precise, with an echo of zesty citrus pith and good length."

2012 Carignan Maule Valley, 88 points:

"Dark purple. Ripe plum and blueberry on the deeply scented nose. Plush and supple in texture, offering gently sweet dark fruit flavors that pick up a spicy nuance... good smoky persistence."

Viña Pargua

2008 Pargua Red Wine Maipo Valley, 90 points:

"Bright ruby. Smoke-tinged cherry and redcurrant aromas... fleshier in the mid-palate, hint of cracked pepper. Closes with supple tannins, very good persistence and an echo of sweet tobacco."

2009 Anka Maipo Valley, 89 points:

"Deep ruby. Smoky, oak-spiced aromas of cherry and redcurrant, with a licorice nuance in the background. Supple and expansive on the palate, offering juicy red berry... Fine-grained tannins give shape to the finish, which clings with good energy and persistence."



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