

Apaltagua

family-owned, handcrafted wines from Chile



Apaltagua Winery, owned by the Edward Tutunjian family, focuses on the distinguished, but lesser known, grape varietal Carmenère. Called the "lost Bordeaux" variety because it was originally planted in Bordeaux, Carmenère has proven to be perfectly suited to the longer growing season of Chile. Apaltagua's 65-year-old vineyards are located mainly in the prestigious Apalta region of Colchagua, renowned for producing quality red wines. Apaltagua wines are made by one of Chile's leading winemakers, Alvaro Espinoza, who is the Chilean pioneer of biodynamic grape farming.

2009 RESERVA CHARDONNAY

This Chardonnay has a golden color and is fresh and clean to the nose. It is characterized by notes of vanilla, cream and banana. In the mouth, it is crisp, dry and refreshing.

2008 RESERVA CARMENÈRE

An impressive introduction to the Carmenère grape, this 100% Carmenère shows a spicy, plummy nose, and ripe, berryish fruit on the palate. Minimal intervention and gentle handling help preserve the quality and character of the fruit.

2007 RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This Cabernet Sauvignon from an excellent vintage has a deep violet hue and a nose with hints of tobacco and dark chocolate, coupled with ripe stone fruit character in the mouth. This wine received minimal handling to preserve its uniqueness and integrity. *Available in 750ml and 375ml.*

2009 RESERVA PINOT NOIR



This estate Pinot Noir has a brilliant ruby color and emphasizes aromas of raspberries, and soft notes of oak. It boasts smooth and elegant tannins and a sophisticated finish. The grapes from from Apaltagua's own vineyard in Tricao in the Curico Valley.

2008 ENVERO CARMENÈRE

This Envero is 93% Carmenère and 7% Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wine has dark, rich fruit of black cherries and coffee which is complemented by eight months in French oak resulting in a complex international style. Named one of the "Top 100 Wine Buys" for 2008 by *Wine Enthusiast* magazine. The '07 vintage was awarded a Gold Medal and "Best of Class" from Jerry Mead's New World Int'l Wine Competition.

2007 GRIAL CARMENÈRE

Grial is among the very best Carmenères produced today. Extreme measures were taken in fruit selection, resulting in a rich, extracted and bold wine capable of many years of extended cellaring. The seductive flavors of blackberry, grilled peppers and dark, spicy cherry linger on the palate. About 600 cases were produced.

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