



# KUYEN 2006

Álvaro Espinoza is one of the finest winemakers in South America today. His celebrated wine Antiyal is often referred to as Chile's first "garage wine." More recently, the talented Espinoza released Kuyen, which he calls his "baby Antiyal."

Kuyen, which means "moon" in the Chilean native language Mapuche, is made by Espinoza and his wife Marina on their small estate in the Maipo Valley. It is a wine made to honor "the ancient traditions and cosmic vision of the people of the earth." This is a 66% Syrah, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Carmenere blend made with grapes from the Maipo Valley. Kuyen's grapes are biodynamically grown, which Espinoza believes gives his fruit a superior expression of *terroir*.

The Kuyen blend is aged in French oak barrels, then bottled and aged an additional six months in the cellar prior to release. This vintage shows deep color with intense aromas of dark fruit, spice and minerals. The palate has good texture with volume, body and a long finish.

Following Antiyal's lead, Espinoza's Kuyen is another critically acclaimed wine—earning 90 points from the *Wine Spectator* and 90+ points from *Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* for the prior vintage.

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