

90+ Points for Global Vineyard Chilean Wines



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Antiyal 2008

92 points

“Assertive aromas of raspberry and blackberry, complicated by floral and incense nuances and a hint of smoky herbs. Juicy, palate-staining red and dark berry preserve flavors show impressive purity and pick up sweetness with aeration. Lively and precise on the finish, which echoes the floral and smoke notes strongly. It's quite open-knit now but has the depth to age for quite a bit longer.” (\$60)

Kuyen 2008

91 points



“Pure, mineral-driven aromas of raspberry, boysenberry, wood-smoke, Asian spices and violet. Silky, pliant and spicy, accompanied by a restrained sweetness and good verve to its red and dark fruit flavors.

The spicy note carries through a long, focused and gently tannic finish. This wine's balance and purity are impressive.” (\$30)

Calcu 2008 (Cabernet Sauvignon blend)

88 points

“Cherry and cassis aromas are complicated by licorice and cracked pepper nuances. Juicy and light on its feet, offering focused bitter cherry and cracked pepper flavors that gain sweetness with air. The finish repeats the cassis note and shows gentle tannins. This will be very flexible with food.” (\$12)

Calcu Merlot 2008

87 points

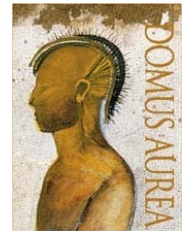


“Jammy dark berries on the straightforward nose and palate. Fresh and tangy, supported by good back end lift and closing bite.” (\$12)

Domus Aurea Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

91 points

“High-pitched aromas of redcurrant, cherry and spice cake, overlaid by bright minerality. Deeper blackberry and licorice qualities join the red fruit on the palate, but with no loss of energy. Blends elegance and power smoothly and finishes with very good clarity and sweet persistence.” (\$60)



Apaltagua Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

90 points

“A highly fragrant, complex bouquet evokes redcurrant, dried cherry, tobacco and licorice, accented by a suave vanilla note in the background. Stains the palate with spicy red fruit flavors and a suggestion of bitter chocolate. Finishes smoky and long, with lingering red fruit and spice notes. Delicious right now.” (\$30)

Apaltagua Envero Carmenere 2008

88 points

“High-pitched dark berry preserves and spices on the nose, accompanied by complicating notes of pipe tobacco and rose. Lively black raspberry and mulberry flavors show good clarity and pick up a hint of black pepper with air. Very fresh wine with good finishing cut and spicy persistence.” (\$15)

Apaltagua Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

87 points

“This is a very good value. Cherry and dark berries on the nose, with a hint of plum jam adding depth. Round and fleshy on entry then tangier and more taut in the mid-palate, repeating the dark fruit qualities. Finishes with good breadth and a lingering note of candied plum.” (\$11)

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Penalolen Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

89 points

“Powerful aromas of cherry, dried flowers, licorice and mint, plus a touch of woodsmoke. Then broad and creamy on the palate, offering gently sweet red berry and cherry flavors and slow-mounting spiciness. The finish shows subtle sweetness and good tannic grip; this is still quite youthful but shows good promise.” (\$18)

Penalolen Sauvignon Blanc 2010

88 points

“I like this wine's balance. Sharply focused lime zest and herb aromas are complemented by suggestions of dried fig and chamomile. Nervy and precise, showing tangy orange and quince flavors and an herbal quality on the back half. Exhibits a hint of honey on the finish, which leaves bitter citrus pith and tarragon notes behind.” (\$12)

Meli Riesling 2010

88 points



“Highly expressive, perfumed bouquet evokes white peach, orange zest and honey, with a spicy overlay. Dry, tightly wound citrus and pit fruit flavors show good clarity and a refreshingly bitter quality. The dry finish shows good cut and length, with the citrus note repeating.” (\$12)

Meli Carignane 2008

88 points

“Fresh red berries and spices on the fragrant nose. Racy and precise, with spice-accented redcurrant and bitter cherry flavors gaining sweetness with air. Nicely fresh wine with good nervy bite and an echo of dried red fruits on the finish.” (\$15)



William Cole

Albamar

Chardonnay

2009

88 points

“Honeydew melon, nectarine and orange on the nose. Displays a strong fruit salad quality, along with a lively citrus character. Dry and minty on the finish, which leaves bitter notes of orange zest and pear skin behind.” (\$11)

William Cole Albamar Sauvignon

Blanc 2010

87 points

“Lemon gelato, white flowers and orange zest on the highly fragrant nose. Dry on entry and then a juicier mid-palate, offering sappy orchard fruit flavors and a hint of bitter citrus zest. Offers good clarity and energy.” (\$11)



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