

CHILE'S QUEST

NEW VARIETALS AND TERROIRS BECKON, WHILE SOLID BARGAINS ABOUND
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TASTING REPORT



A traditional horse-drawn carriage traverses the vineyards of Viu Manent in the Colchagua Valley south of Santiago, where the winery excels with Cabernet Sauvignon.

Other notable Cabernet-based reds are the Viña Almaviva Puente Alto 2011 (92, \$180), a big and ripe yet structured blend from the joint venture of Concha y Toro and Château Mouton-Rothschild, and the ripe, dense Viña Quebrada de Macul Cabernet Sauvignon Maipo Valley Domus Aurea 2010 (91, \$65). Notable values include the Viu Manent Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valley La Capilla Single Vineyard 2011 (90, \$25) and Veramonte Cabernet Sauvignon Colchagua Valley 2013 (89, \$12).

However, it's not all smooth sailing for Chilean producers. In a world full of expensive wines, high-end Chilean reds can be a tough sell. And the competition is fierce in the world of Cabernets, especially at the low end of the price spectrum, where Chile excels. The U.S. market, with its three-tier system, can also be perplexing for many Chilean vintners. "It's difficult to sell a Chilean wine

Kim Marcus' Recommended Wines From Chile

Nearly 350 wines were reviewed for this report. A free alphabetical list is available at www.winespectator.com/053115. WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted using the online Wine Ratings search

TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
VIU MANENT Viu 1 Colchagua Valley 2010 A suave, spicy style, offering dark plum, cherry and blackberry flavors that show chocolate mousse and mint accents. Malbec.	92	\$75

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