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 **VIU MANENT**
VALLE DE COLCHAGUA - CHILE

Colchagua's finest reflection.



Viu Manent was founded in 1935 in by Catalonian immigrant Miguel Viu García and his sons Agustín and Miguel Viu Manent. Since 1966 they have owned the Hacienda San Carlos de Cunaco vineyard in Colchagua, first planted in the 19th Century and still containing noble pre-phyloxera vines.

Viu Manent's wines are elegant and fresh. Over the last 83 years, the family has built a reputation for excellence and today sells wine in more than 45 countries. They have built a reputation for excellence, quality and innovation in the fields of viticulture and environmental sustainability. Combined with sensitive vineyard regimes and strict winemaking techniques, this ensures that their wines are consistent and characterful.

The company is still owned by the Viu family and is managed by third generation Managing Director, José Miguel Viu Bottini. Viu Manent welcomes visitors to their vineyards and helped to create the Colchagua Valley Wine Route. In 2015 they were awarded Best Visitor Centre at the Drinks International Wine Tourism Awards. Visitors to Viu Manent can enjoy vineyard tours by horse-drawn carriage, lunches at the Rayuela Wine & Grill Restaurant, an Equestrian Club and a host of other special programmes and events.

In December 2017, Viu Manent was awarded the "2017 Winery of the Year" by Wines of Chile Association. Starting from 2018 on with Paul Hobbs as winemaking consultant.



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WHAT THE JUDGES SAID

"The highlights of Argentina were the blends, those with Cabernet and Malbec, with many of them being quite refreshing. There were also different styles of Malbec, showing the diversity possible within the one grape. There is a huge diversity of grapes in Argentina, with wines like Petit Verdot doing well. Malbec is trendy, but there is a lot more to discover."
Andre Mannini,
M Restaurants



"Chile has been very interesting, a great mix, there is a lot of experimentation with different grape varieties put together, delivering different styles, which is working really well. This experimentation is working because they can discover new things, like Grenache and Tannat – the juicy bright Grenache blends really well with the tannic Tannat, balancing each other."
Theo Sloot, The Oxford Wine Company



★★★★★
STAR VALUE
Finca La Anita Malbec 2015
 Origin Wine, £20
 Red roses and cherry aromas announced this well-balanced, fruit-lined, complex food wine, which combined a rich palate with a warm and spicy finish. An elegant and clear label communicated what to expect, with price also judged just right for the quality.



CHAPADMALAL, BUENOS AIRES



★★★★
STAR OF CHAPADMALAL, BUENOS AIRES
Trapiche Costa & Pampa Chardonnay 2016
 Enotria, £15
 With its cool, contemporary-looking label and reasonable value, this coastal Chardonnay delivered crisp, clean, slightly tropical character, with some good medium-intensity fruit tempered by a balanced mix of good acidity and light hint of toast on the finish.



CENTRAL ARGENTINA – LA RIOJA, SAN JUAN, CATAMARCA



★★★★
STAR OF CENTRAL ARGENTINA
Bodega Toteles Fuego Blanco Valle del Pedernal 2016
 Copstick Murray, £22.99
 A contemporary design with good use of fonts and label was deemed suggestive of the good value and attractive wine in the bottle. Blackcurrant notes with savoury undertones infused this ripe, fruity style, judged well-balanced and with a long, rich, smooth finish.



CHILE

Chile is currently a hotbed of innovation and excitement, with a wealth of previously niche or unheard-of varieties and regions emerging into the limelight, with winemakers pushing the boundaries in terms of both geography and winemaking up and down this long slice of a country.

And, as befits such a state of evolution and upward trajectory, our top five-star and four-star

awards were showered on a host of styles and varieties, with some cracking wine throughout, showing precisely why there has never been a better time to ensure that your Chilean offer is up to speed.

Big hitters Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc all made the grade, but notable too was the presence of Petit Verdot, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Pinot Noir, Viognier and Riesling.

ACONCAGUA – CASABLANCA VALLEY, SAN ANTONIO VALLEY AND LEYDA



★★★★★
STAR OF ACONCAGUA
Vina San Esteban In Situ Signature SMV Red 2015
 Delibo Wine Agencies, £11.99
 Clear varietal labelling, coupled with very good value and an interesting wine, made this a popular all-rounder with the judges. The wine was described as very vibrant, medium-full, with good use of varieties in the blend to deliver an intense, black fruit and black pepper spice medley of flavours, with a long, satisfying finish.



★★★★★
STAR DESIGN
Viña Ventisquero Reserva Chardonnay 2016
 Kingsland Drinks, £10
 Showing a hint of butter, nectarine and clementine, this was a ripe style, crisp and clean, with very good balance and varietal character, an easy-drinking wine, with nice acidity. Add in a striking label, with good saleability plus good pricing, and this proved a winner.



★★★★★
STAR TASTE
Santa Rita Casa Real Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
 Conviviality, £40
 At a good price and over-delivering on quality and character, this impressed with its great balance and depth. Tasters found good typicity, capsicum, peppers, mint and blackberry, plus a hint of biscuit, but underscored by a freshness on the palate that lifted this big savoury style. A complex wine.



CENTRAL VALLEY – MAIPO, RAPEL, CACHAPOAL, COLCHAGUA, CURICO, MAULE



★★★★★
STAR OF CHILE & STAR OF CENTRAL VALLEY
Viu Manent Vibo Punta del Viento 2012
 Louis Latour Agencies, £15.99
 More Old World in style, with a smoky, autumnal nose, a great wine with earthier, interesting intensity of fruits, savoury and smokiness, plus a hint of sweet vanilla and roasted note on the palate. Would work well with food. Nicely executed label.

