TRAVEL: FOODIE WINERIES

Viu Manent

Where is it Colchagua, Chile; www.viumanent.cl

Why visit Still family owned (Miguel Viu-García emigrated from Catalonia in 1935), this is one of the most visitor-friendly wineries in Chile. You can explore the vineyards on mountain bikes, e-bikes and horse-drawn buggies, while the sunset tour allows you to savour the softening of the light with wines and a picnic.

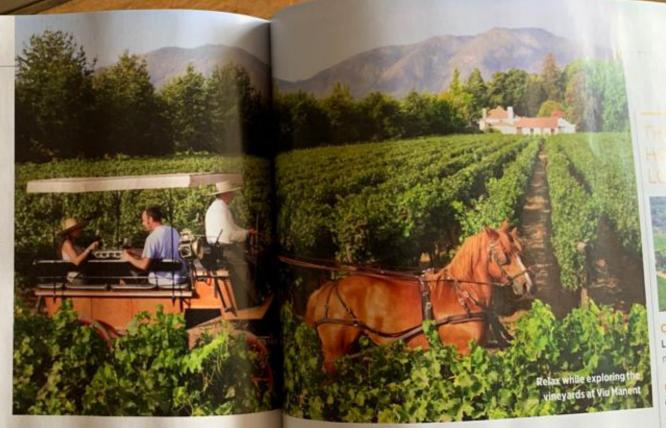
If you're more in the mood for a bit of independent vineyard exploration, the 'picnic' option is available at any time – though don't do it at the expense of visiting their eateries. The café is good for light bites, while the

Wine & Grill restaurant does simple things well.

Serious foodies should time their visit to coincide with one of the classes run by Chilean chef Pilar Rodriguez, in her food and wine studio. They run all weekend from October to May and include everything from short food- and wine-matching sessions to all-day cookery workshops.

When to visit The climate is fabulous in Chile from October to May. In March, Santa Cruz is home to the Fiesta de la Vendimia (harvest festival).

How to get there it takes about two hours to drive the 180km from Santiago airport.





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