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SER Single Vineyard Merlot 2017

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Best merlots of the year

- 94 | ARESTI Trisquel Series Merlot 2018 | Curicó
- 94 | GILLMORE Hacedor de Mundos Merlot 2018 | Maule
- 93 | LUGAREJO Lugarejo Merlot 2018 | Colchagua
- 93 | OVNI WINES Encuentro Secano Merlot 2018 | Itata
- 93 | TRES PALACIOS Family Vintage Merlot 2018 | Maipo Costa
- 93 | VIÑA CASABLANCA Nimbus Single Vineyard Merlot 2018 Casablanca
- 92 | ALTACIMA 4090 Merlot 2019 | Lontué
- 92 | CONCHA Y TORO Margues de Casa Concha Merlot 2018 | Maule
- 92 | KINGSTON Kingston Merlot 2019 | Casablanca
- 92 OVNI WINES Encuentro Secano Merlot 2017 | Itata
- 92 | TARAPACÁ Gran Reserva Merlot 2019 | Maipo
- 92 | TERRANOBLE Gran Reserva Merlot 2019 | Maule
- 92 | VENTISOUERO Grey Merlot 2018 | Analta
- 91 | MATURANA WINERY Puente Austral Gran Reserva Merlot 2018
- 91 | MONTES Montes Alpha Merlot 2018 | Colchagua
- 91 | ODFJELL Armador Merlot 2019 | Maipo
- 91 | REQUINGUA Toro de Piedra Merlot 2018 | Curicó
- 91 | TABALÍ Pedregoso Merlot 2019 | Limarí
- 91 | TORREÓN DE PAREDES Reserva Merlot 2018 | Alto Cachapoal

Best from Cachapoal Valley Entre Cordilleras

- 94 | CHILE DIVINO El Consentido Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Cachapoal
- 94 | CLOS DE LUZ Massal 1945 Carmenere 2019 | Cachapoal
- 94 | CLOS DE LUZ Azuda Garnacha 2019 | Cachapoal
- 94 | CLOS DE LUZ Azuda Syrah 2019 | Cachapoal
- 94 | MARTY SER Single Vineyard Carmenere 2018 | Cachapoal
- 93 | CHILE DIVINO La Confundida Carmenere 2017 | Cachapoal
- 93 | CLOS DE LUZ Massal 1945 Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 | Cachapoal
- 93 | JAVIERA ORTÚZAR WINES Intuición Syrah 2019 | Cachapoal
- 92 | CASAS DEL BOSQUE Gran Reserva Carmenere 2019 | Cachapoal
- 92 | CASAS DEL TOQUI Court Rollan Extra Brut Blanc de Blancs 2018 Cachapoal
- 92 | CLOS ANDINO La Cuvée de Peumo Carmenere 2018 | Cachapoal
- 92 | CLOS DE LUZ Massal 1945 Malbec 2019 | Cachapoal
- 92 | TRINGARIO Ludopata Semillón 2020 | Cachapoal
- 91 | MARTY Mariposa Alegre, PIRCA Carmenere 2019 | Cachapoal

Best Carmeneres of the year

- 97 | ANTIYAL Antiyal Viñedo El Escorial Carmenere 2018 | Maipo
- 96 | CASA SILVA Microterroir de Los Lingues Carmenere 2014 | Los Lingues
- 96 | CLOS DE LUZ Luz Carmenere 2018 | Rapel
- 96 | ERRÁZURIZ KAI Carmenere 2018 | Aconcagua
- 96 | KOYLE Cerro Basalto Cuartel G2 Carmenere 2018 | Colchagua Andes
- 96 | SANTA RITA Pewën de Apalta Carmenere 2019 | Apalta
- 95 | CALITERRA Pétreo Carmenere 2018 | Colchagua
- 95 | CLOS DE LUZ Java Carmenere 2019 | Rapel
- 95 | MAQUIS Viola Carmenere 2017 | Colchagua
- 95 | MONTES Purple Angel Carmenere 2018 | Colchagua
- 95 | TARAPACÁ Gran Reserva Etiqueta Negra Carmenere 2018 | Maipo
- 95 | VIU MANENT El Incidente Carmenere 2018 | Colchagua
- 94 | CASA SILVA Casa Silva S7 Single Block Carmenere 2018 | Los Lingues 94 | CLOS DE LUZ Massal 1945 Carmenere 2019 | Cachapoal
- 94 | CONCHA Y TORO Marques de Casa Concha Carmenere 2019 | Cachapoal
- 94 | MARIO GEISSE El Sueño Gran Reserva Carmenere 2017 | Colchagua
- 94 | MARTY SER Single Vineyard Carmenere 2018 | Cachapoal
- 94 | MIGUEL TORRES Cordillera de los Andes Carmenere 2018 | Cachapoal
- 94 | MORANDÉ Edición Limitada Criollo del Maipo Carmenere 2018 | Maipo
- 94 | ODFJELL Orzada Carmenere 2019 | Maule
- 94 | SAN PEDRO Tierras Moradas Carmenere 2018 | Maule
- 94 | TABALÍ Micas Carmenere 2017 | Peumo
- 94 | TERRANOBLE CA1 Andes Carmenere 2018 | Colchagua Andes
- 94 | TORREÓN DE PAREDES Reserva Privada Carmenere 2018 | Alto Cachapoal
- 94 | UNDURRAGA T.H. Carmenere 2018 | Peumo
- 94 | VIÑEDOS VERAMONTE Primus Orgánico Carmenere 2019 | Apalta
- 94 | VENTISQUERO Grey Carmenere 2018 | Maipo Costa

Best from Maipo Andes Valley

- 98 | DON MELCHOR Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 98 | SANTA RITA Casa Real Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 97 | ANTIYAL Antiyal Viñedo El Escorial Carmenere 2018 | Maipo
- 97 | CLOS QUEBRADA DE MACUL Domus Aurea C. Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Alto
- 97 | CONCHA Y TORO Terrunyo Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Pirque 97 | DOMAINE DE LA PIEDRA SAGRADA Piedra Sagrada Cuvée Domaine
- de la Piedra Sagrada Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo Andes
- 97 | VENTISQUERO Enclave Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | DOMAINE DE LA PIEDRA SAGRADA Piedra Sagrada Cuvée Domaine de la Piedra Sagrada Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 | Maipo Andes
- 96 DOMAINE DE LA PIEDRA SAGRADA Piedra Sagrada Cuvée Prestige Don Arturo Pérez Rojas Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | GANDOLINI Las 3 Marías Vineyards C. Sauvignon 2015 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | HARAS DE PIRQUE Albis Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère 2018 | Maipo
- 96 | UNDURRAGA T.H. Maipo Alto Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo Alto
- 95 | AQUITANIA Lazuli Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes
- 95 | CONCHA Y TORO Margues de Casa Concha C. Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 95 | MARTY SER Single Vineyard Merlot 2017 | Maipo
- 95 | MARTY SER Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo
- 95 | PÉREZ CRUZ Pircas Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes
- 95 | SANTA EMA Amplus Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo Alto
- 95 | SANTA RITA Floresta Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 | Maipo
- 95 | VIÑEDOS VERAMONTE Primus Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 95 | WILLIAM FÈVRE CHILE Chacai Chardonnay 2018 | Maipo Andes
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- 98 DON MELCHOR Don Melchor Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 98 | SANTA RITA Casa Real Reserva Especial Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 97 | ANTIYAL Antiyal Viñedo El Escorial Carmenere 2018 | Maipo
- 97 | CLOS QUEBRADA DE MACUL Domus Aurea C. Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Alto
- 97 | CONCHA Y TORO Terrunyo Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Pirque
- 97 | DOMAINE DE LA PIEDRA SAGRADA Piedra Sagrada Cuvée Domaine de la Piedra Sagrada Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo Andes
- 97 | VENTISQUERO Enclave Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | DOMAINE DE LA PIEDRA SAGRADA Piedra Sagrada Cuvée Domaine de la Piedra Sagrada Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | DOMAINE DE LA PIEDRA SAGRADA Piedra Sagrada Cuvée Prestige Don Arturo Pérez Rojas Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | GANDOLINI Las 3 Marías Vinevards C. Sauvignon 2015 | Maipo Andes
- 96 | HARAS DE PIRQUE Albis Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère 2018 | Maipo
- 96 | UNDURRAGA T.H. Maipo Alto Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo Alto
- 95 | AQUITANIA Lazuli Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes
- 95 | CONCHA Y TORO Marques de Casa Concha C. Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 95 | MARTY SER Single Vineyard Merlot 2017 | Maipo
- 95 | MARTY SER Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo
- 95 | PÉREZ CRUZ Pircas Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes
- 95 | SANTA EMA Amplus Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo Alto
- 95 | SANTA RITA Floresta Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 | Maipo
- 95 | VIÑEDOS VERAMONTE Primus Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 | Maipo
- 95 | WILLIAM FÈVRE Chile Chacai Chardonnay 2018 | Maipo Andes
- 95 | WILLIAM FÈVRE Chile Chacai Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 | Maipo Andes

Best from Leyda Valley

- 95 | GARCÉS SILVA Amayna Cordón Huinca Sauvignon Blanc 2020 | Leyda
- 95 | GARCÉS SILVA Amayna Syrah 2018 | Leyda
- 95 | LEYDA Lot 4 Sauvignon Blanc 2020 | Leyda
- 95 | MATETIC VINEYARDS Matetic Syrah 2017 | San Antonio
- 95 | UNDURRAGA Trama Pinot Noir 2018 | Leyda
- 95 | VENTOLERA Cerro Alegre Sauvignon Blanc 2019 | Leyda
- 94 | HARAS DE PIRQUE Albaclara Sauvignon Blanc 2020 | Leyda
- 94 | KALFU Sumpai Syrah 2019 | Leyda
- 94 | LEYDA Lot 5 Chardonnay 2019 | Leyda
- 94 | LEYDA Single Vineyard Las Brisas Pinot Noir 2019 | Leyda
- 94 | LEYDA Single Vineyard Garuma Sauvignon Blanc 2020 | Leyda
- 94 | LEYDA Single Vineyard Kadun Sauvignon Gris 2020 | Leyda
- 94 | LEYDA Lot 21 Pinot Noir 2019 | Leyda
- 94 | MARTY Goutte d'Argent Sauvignon Blanc 2020 | Leyda
- 94 | MATETIC VINEYARDS EQ Quartz Chardonnay 2018 | San Antonio
- 94 | MATETIC VINEYARDS EQ Cool Climate Syrah 2016 | San Antonio
- 94 | SANTA EMA Amplus Chardonnay 2019 | Leyda
- 94 | UNDURRAGA T.H. Syrah 2018 | Leyda
- 94 | UNDURRAGA T.H. Leyda Sauvignon Blanc 2019 | Leyda

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PASCAL MARTY is from France but has had a long career in Chile. He arrived in 1997 to develop Almaviva, the legendary joint venture between Baron Philippe de Rothschild and Concha y Toro. After six years as the winemaker there, he joined Cousiño Macul to design its icon wine, Lota (he still works on it with the winery). And during that same period, he launched this, his personal venture. Marty's project has access to 250 hectares of vineyard terroirs owned by his partners in different parts of Chile's central zone. The only exception is a two-hectare vineyard that Pascal planted at his house in Pirque that gives rise to his icon wine, Clos de Fa, a red blend based on cabernet sauvignon, like a good child of the Alto Maipo.

SER SINGLE VINEYARD Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 \$\$\$\$\$ | MAIPO | 14.5°

Wines from Pirque, in the highest part of Alto Maipo, tend to have a very distinctive fruit clarity. And that fruit is generally associated with menthol notes. This is a textbook example of a Pirque red with those fruity, mentholated aromas and a touch of herbs on a delicious nose. The juicy palate covered with vibrant acidity is rich in menthol notes wrapped in a very fine silky texture that's very much of this place. A very clear photo of this area, one of the most important places in Chile for cabernet sauvignon.



SER SINGLE VINEYARD Merlot 2017

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GOUTTE D'ARGENT Sauvignon Blanc 2020 \$\$\$ | LEYDA | 13.5°

As a member of the Japan Sake and Shochu Makers Association, French winemaker Pascal Marty has the right to use yeasts that are used to ferment rice, the base of that traditional Japanese beverage. These yeasts, Marty explains, are used to working at very low temperatures, such as those found in the mountains of Japan, so they are good allies to use in sauvignon, and, he says, they also preserve the aromas better. This is the second version of Goutte that we have tasted at Descorchados, and we still find it a wine of great character with earthy touches, ripe fruits, and the acidity of a wine that comes from granitic soils near the Leyda coast and

very close to the sea, about 10 kilometers from that cooling influence. The texture is creamy, and the finish has a nice herbal note.



KALAK Carmenere, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc 2018 \$\$\$\$ | CENTRAL VALLEY | 14.5°

This Marty blend is based on fruits from the Cachapoal Valley and Colchagua and is made up of 38% carmenere, 35% cabernet sauvignon, 24% syrah, and the rest is cabernet franc. The presence of old-vine cabernet planted in 1952 in the La Patagua zone of Colchagua has a strong presence here with its enveloping ripe-fruit flavors, while the carmenere from the Millahue and Almahue zones (two classic locations for the variety in Chile) offers herbal tones, but more importantly, a generous amount of red fruits and spices. A wine to make room for in the cellar.

SER SINGLE VINEYARD Carmenere 2018 \$\$\$\$\$ | CACHAPOAL | 14.5°

For the **SER Carmenere**, the Marty winery selects grapes from its two most important sources of the variety—Almahue and Millahue, both of which have warm climates that yield carmeneres focused more on fruit and spices than the herbal side usually associated with the grape. And this wine shows that very clearly. The ripe red fruits are in the foreground, but there are also a lot of spices and exotic tones, almost as if it were a kind of carmenere curry—or something like that. The texture is very smooth, and the fruity sensation accompanies it to the end. This is the first time that the SER line has included carmenere.

GOUTTE D'ARGENT Chardonnay 2020 \$\$\$ | LEYDA | 13.5°

This chardonnay comes from the granitic-clay soils of the Leyda Valley, about 10 kilometers from the sea in the Coastal Mountain Range. The grapes were fermented with sake yeasts, thanks to the fact that as a member of the Japan Sake Makers Producers Association, winemaker Pascal Martyhas the right to use them. The wine has a rather timid nose, but the palate is succulent and broad, with lots of ripe fruits and a fresh, slightly herbal finish.

MARIPOSA ALEGRE, PIRCA Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 \$\$ | COLCHAGUA | 14.5°

This cabernet comes from a vineyard planted in 1950, in the La Patagua area, on the way to the city of Santa Cruz in the heart of the Colchagua Valley. It's a warm place, and this comes from a warm year, although that's not so evident here, perhaps because the deep roots of those old vines manage to find water in difficult times. The fruit is ripe but adorned with herbs and spices that provide freshness, while on the palate, the flavors are deep and supported by firm acidity that sticks with the wine to the finish.

CORAZÓN DEL INDIO (IDENTICO) (ARMONÍA) (W) Carmenere, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc 2019 \$\$\$ | CENTRAL VALLEY | 14.5°

This year's blend is 40% carmenere, 35% cabernet sauvignon, 20% syrah, and the rest is franc, all from vineyards in the Colchagua and Cachapoal Valleys in the Rapel zone. The wine was aged for a year in used barrels, and what comes out of them is a red in which the oak has a significant influence



































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on the flavors, although it also has a thick layer of ripe red fruits and spices as well as herbal notes. The texture is still wild in a wine that needs time in the bottle or a nice piece of meat on the grill.

MARIPOSA ALEGRE, PIRCA Carmenere 2019 \$\$ | CACHAPOAL | 14.5°



From the heart of the Cachapoal Valley, in the Millahue and Almahue zones, places recognized for their warm-climate carmenere rich in ripe fruits, this **Mariposa** is a wine that's generous in fruity flavors with a bit of spices and herbs and a body with tannins that are firm but not aggressive. A balanced and fruity wine.

MARIPOSA ALEGRE, PIRCA Chardonnay 2020 \$\$ | LEYDA | 13.5°



Aged in barrels for five months and from vineyards about 14 kilometers from the sea in Leyda, in the San Antonio Valley, this succulent chardonnay has notes of ripe white fruits and spices. It has smooth body with pleasing acidity and deep flavors that last to the end of the palate. Ideal with oysters.

PACHA, ILAIA Carmenere 2019 \$ | CENTRAL VALLEY | 14.5°



From vineyards in the Cachapoal and Curicó Valleys, this excellent value for money has all of the ingredients of the variety. First, the herbal notes that are part of its genetics, then the red fruits, the smooth texture, and the tannins shaped by the ripeness of a warm year. A clear example of carmenere at a price that's more than fair. It's not common to find this level of varietal clarity at this price in Chile.

OTHER WINES SELECTED

- 88 | PACHA, ILAIA Chardonnay 2020 | Leyda | 13.5° | \$
- 88 | PACHA, ILAIA Sauvignon Blanc 2020 | Leyda | 13° | \$
- 86 | PACHA, ILAIA Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 | Central Valley | 14.5° | \$