

Tabalí Talinay Vineyard Pinot Noir



Producer: Viña Tabalí
Winemaker: Felipe Muller
Country of Origin: Chile
Region of Origin: Limari Valley
Grapes: Pinot Noir 100%
ABV: 13.5%
Case Size: 6x75cl
Vintage: 2014NEW
Suitable For: Vegetarians and Vegans
Closure Type: Cork



The One-Liner

Uniquely sited, this has to be one of the best Pinots from the southern hemisphere.

Tasting Note

The nose screams joy! Crushed cherry fruit and limestone minerality makes this hugely alluring wine. The palate shows typical Talinay characteristics of richness, fresh acidity and finesse. A wine with great texture with full, finely balanced summer fruit flavours, bright acidity and a persistent and captivating finish.

Producer Details

Situated in one of the northernmost vineyard regions in Chile, approaching the edge of the Atacama Desert, Tabalí commands a unique location in the heart of the Limarí Valley. The local 'Camanchaca' fog blankets the Limarí area each morning and afternoon coastal breezes bring cool air which moderates the ripening of the grapes. The result is a range of truly distinctive wines with elegance, restraint and minerality. The dynamic young team led by Felipe Muller (winemaker) and Hector Rojas (viticulturalist) have already scooped a cabinet full of the wine world's most prestigious trophies. Tabalí Chardonnay is widely regarded as one of Chile's finest but we would also single out their Syrah (IWC Gold and 2 Decanter trophy's in 2007) as one of the emerging stars from this new region, with its fine structure and peppery black olive fruit profile. Tabalí has the honour of stewardship of the Limarí Valley's most significant archaeological sites, the mystical 'Valle del Encanto' ('Enchanted Valley') which borders their vineyards. A sacred site of the ancient Molle and Diaguita culture, the many rock drawings and carved Tacita stones depict an ancient way of life. The Tabalí mask logo has been taken from one of these rock carvings, which can only be seen at certain times of day when the sun's alignment makes them magically appear. The leading Chilean newspaper El Mercurio, published an article on January 10th 2014 naming the two best winemakers of Chile. In the article, Felipe Müller is honoured for his ability to understand Tabalí's distinctive terroir and use it to create remarkable wines, unique for Chile. According to the newspaper: "Today, more than ever, the wines of Tabalí are among the best wines produced in Chile". For his achievement Felipe Müller is nicknamed "The Interpreter" and chosen as "Best Young Winemaker".

In The Vineyard

The Talinay vineyard is located just 12 km from the Pacific Ocean, hidden away in a small valley of Limari. This unique location provides truly excellent conditions for cool climate viticulture and is the only vineyard site in Chile to be planted over pure chalk/limestone soil – producing elegant and refined wines. The constant breeze that drifts from the ocean and over the vines creates the coolest vineyards in Limari. Proximity to the dry Atacama desert ensures the vines are virtually rot and disease free. Maximum average temperatures in the summer months never go above 23,5°C which in terms of picking means 2 or 3 weeks later than other Chilean coastal regions. The small grapes

Food Recommendations

Grilled lamb, roast duck, guinea fowl.

were gently ripened by the cool summer days, freshened by the coastal breeze and the local autumn mist, the famous "Camanchaca".

In The Winery

The fruit was hand picked in April and underwent careful bunch selection by the viticulture team. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks using traditional vinification methods. The grapes were carefully selected by hand –first the bunches and then single grapes in order to be sure that only the best were fermented after a cold maceration for 7 days. Gentle manual pigeage took place daily to extract colour and flavours, finally a very short maceration after fermentation took place in order to enhance the taste profile on the palate. 100% malolactic fermentation took place in French oak barrels, followed by aging in barrel for 10 months.

Awards & Press

2012 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2014 - Silver

2011 Vintage: Descorchados South American Wine Guide 2014 - 93 Points & Best Chilean Pinot Noir.

2009 Vintage : Decanter World Wine Awards 2011 - Silver

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"A rich, ripe and luscious red with plenty of minerality." Kim Marcus, May 2014, The Wine Spectator

2011 Vintage: "The more calcareous soils of the property have been sought for the Talinay range with the goal being to obtain a wine of structure ahead of aromas and flavours, and this is a wine made by architects instead of perfumers. This wine is pure structure, pure force of tannins and electric acidity that fills the mouth. A fresh wine, great drinkability and juiciness at the same time." Judges Comments, Descorchados South American Wine Guide 2014.

2011 Vintage: "The location of this vineyard - just 12km from the Pacific - means that the fruit is picked up to three weeks later than in other coastal regions of Chile. Intensely fruity, fresh and vibrant, with an elegant structure, it also has plenty of red and dark fruit concentration, boosted by oaky notes from its 12 months in French Oak. 18/20 / 93 points" South America's top 50 under £20, Decanter South America Special, October 2013

2009 Vintage: "Enticing red fruit and cherry aromas. Young, with minerality, firm tannins and a long finish." Decanter 'The Results' edition, October 2011

2009 Vintage: (5 stars / 18.5 out of 20) "A wine that shows the magnificent potential of this cool, hilly limestone vineyard. Restrained nose of forest floor notes with herbs and red fruits. The palate is powerful and grippy, with wonderful structure, focus and purity. Drink: 2011-2015." Finding El Dorado: Chile's Top 15 producers by Peter Richards MW, Decanter, August 2011

2009 Vintage: "Elegant raspberry and plum nose, this is well-structured with concentrated summer berry fruit, creamy hints and good length. 'Delicate fruit with light savouriness and tasty oak,' said Kyri Sotiri." Sommelier Wine Awards 2011, Judges Comments