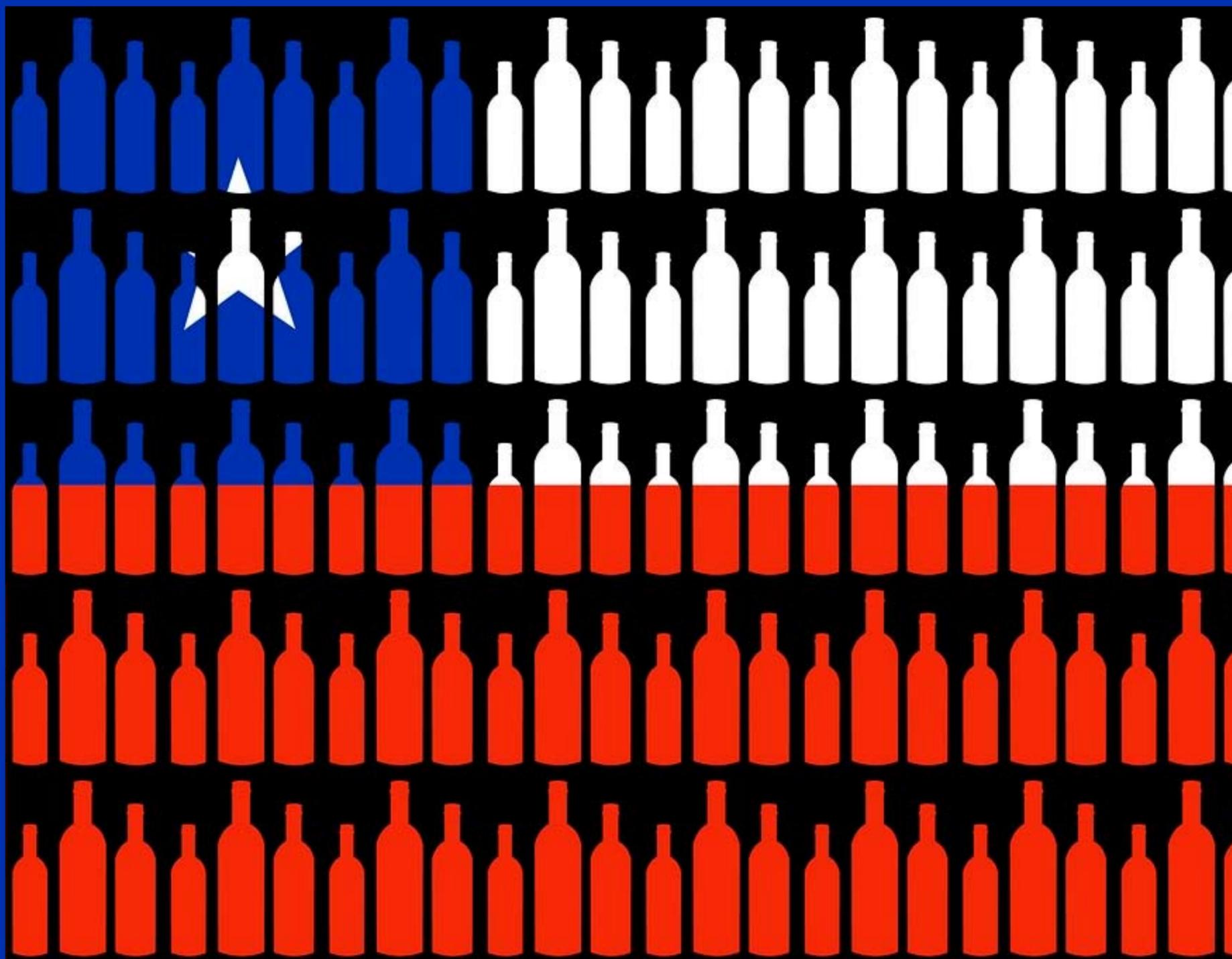


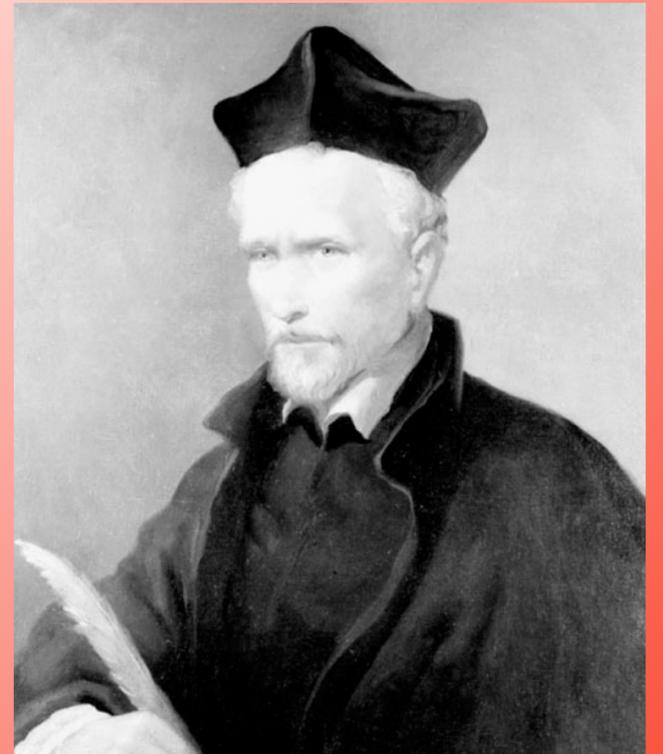
The Wines of Chile



History of Chilean Wine

Father Francisco de Carabantes was 1st to bring grapes for viticulture to Chile in 1548...
The Pais Grape (Mission Grape)

Because the Chile Climate was perfect for wine production, wine made of Moscatel, Albillo & Torontel were grown for the church



Most of the vines were not in the Central Valley, but to the south, Bio Bio.

After the war of Aruaco, many vines were destroyed

People started to move north to plant

1600's the Maipo valley was planted to serve the needs of the Spanish immigrants in Santiago and the Mestizos need for distilled spirits.

The Spanish Crown saw the increase in production as a loss in tax revenue

Spain declared that bulk wine should be bought from Spain and put an end to wine production in Chile.

Bernardo O'Higgins



Grape production continued and was grown for PISCO and aguadientes

1817 Bernardo O'Higgins & an Argentinian general Jose de San Martin, led an army to overthrow the Spanish Government, Chile became a free state

Most wines were sweet wines made with Moscatel and Pais. Similar to Madeiras

Claudio Gay, brought grapes from Europe
He planted 40,000 vines of 70 different grapes

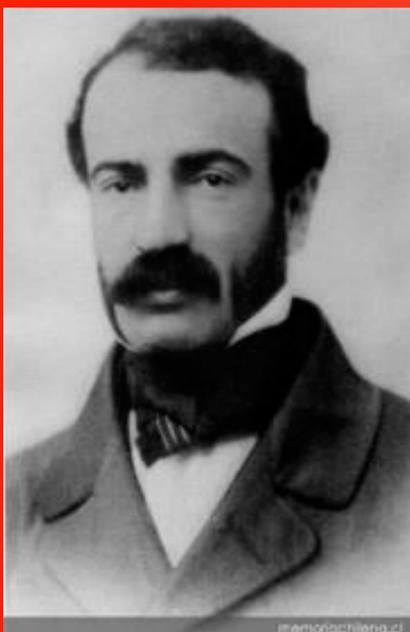
Don Silvestre Ochagavía began uprooting Pais and planting Merlot, Cab, Malbec, Pinot, Chardonnay & Sauvignon Blanc

Founded Ochagavia winery.
Known as Father of Chilean Wine

By mid-1800's with Cross Atlantic travel more prevalent, Chileans were influenced French lifestyles

Wine became much more fashionable, and tastes of the public was very European.

Claudio Gay



Silvestre Ochagavía



Mining industry cashed in and opened Cousino & Subercaseaux (later to become Concha y Toro) Santa Carolina & Santa Rita

The only wineries with agriculture backgrounds were San Pedro & Undurraga

1879 Valdivieso made Sparkling wine with Chardonnay

European grapes replaced the Pais grape

While Europe was desimated by phylloxera, Chile was not.

Turn of the century brought two world wars and the government's isolationism.

Production suffered for most of the 20th century

1980's Bank Crisis, wineries needed to increase production: increase profits

Modern influences brought new technologies to Chile and high tech wineries were built

Miguel Torres 1st to use stainless and French oak for reds & Cold fermentation

A new focus on vineyard management produced higher yields

1995 there were 12 wineries

2005 over 70 wineries

Santa Carolina:
The earthquake damaged the winery, but the cellar was left in tact



Santiago

Santiago is the center of Chile's economy. It is more in land and is set in the Central Valley between the Ocean and the Andes.

No matter where you are, ANDES!

Santiago is a cosmopolitan city with a European influence

The City is divided into the New and Old parts. The difference in architecture is extreme.

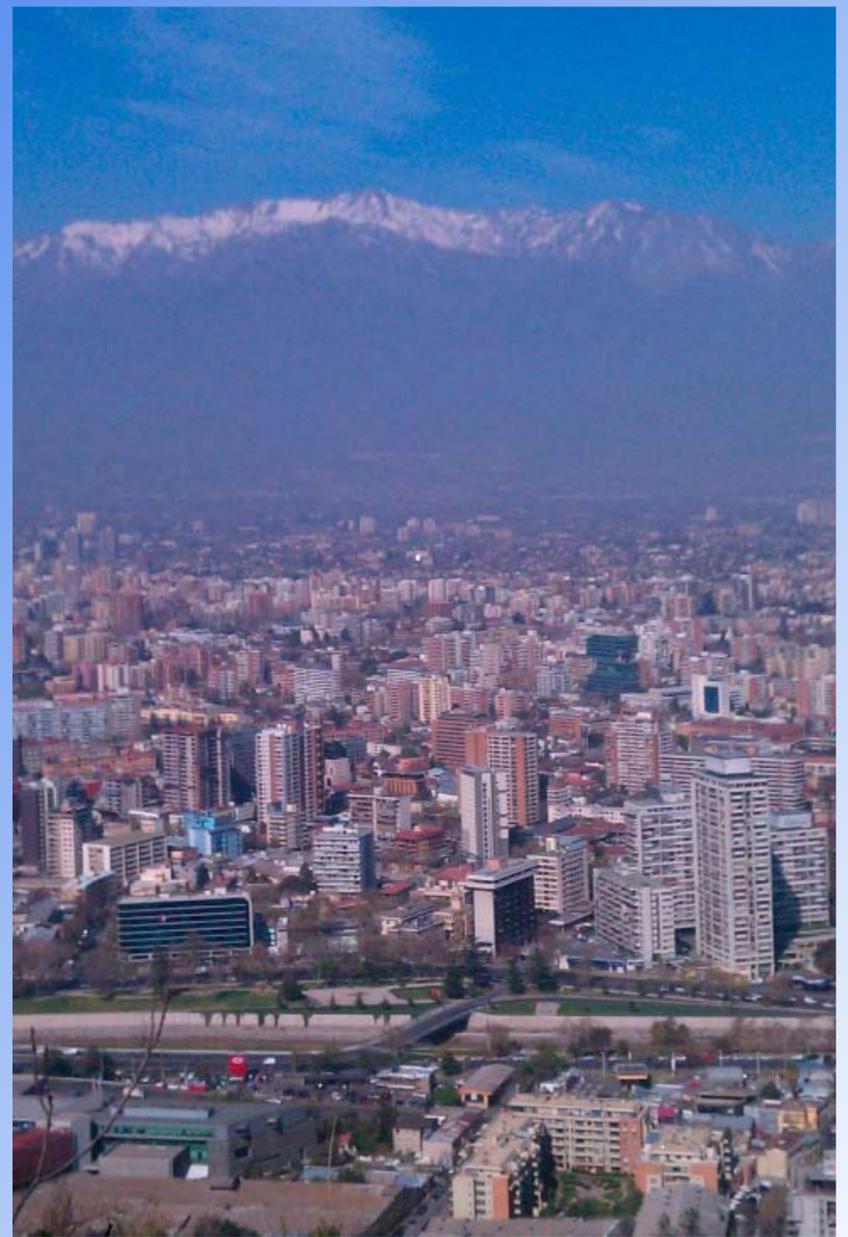
Santiago is home to some world class restaurants and offers its own unique Cuisine.

MACHAS=razor clams with parmessan

PARRILLADAS=grilled meats

LOCOS=Abalone with Mayonaise

PATSTEL DE CHOCLO=meat corn pie



The Pisco Sour



Chilean Wine Today

The Land & Climate

Chile is a vertical Country. All the Vineyards lie north to south in which micro-climates change.

Influence from Humboldt current coming from the Antarctica
The Coastal ranges block fog and rain

Valleys to the east of the coastal mountains stretch across to the Andes foothills.

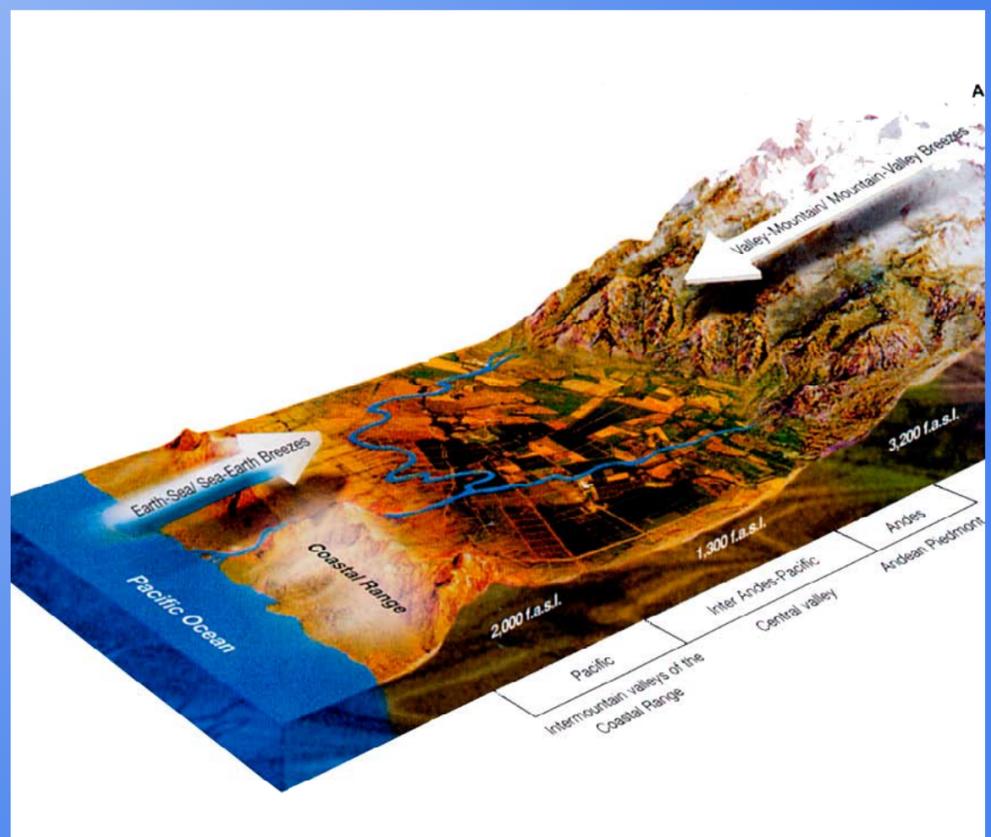
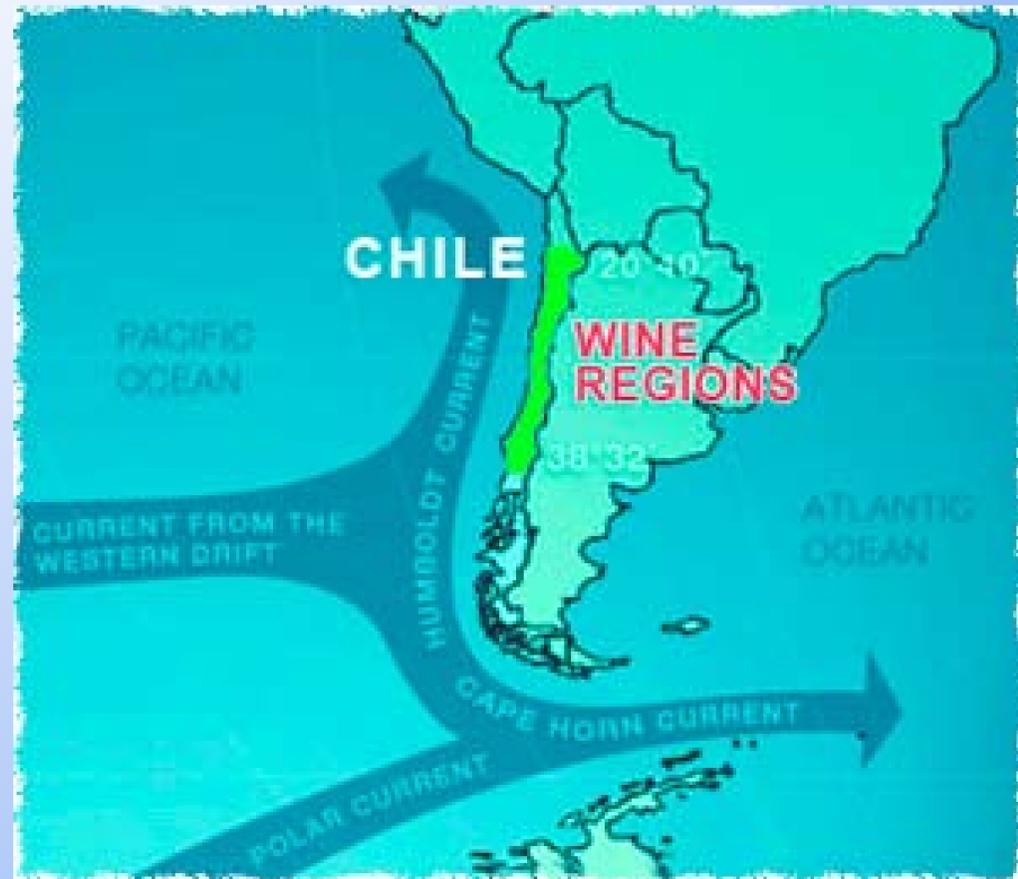
Great variation in temperatures from west to east

Lots of sun exposure and cooling nights from Andes
Clear Skies allow for ultimate UV light on vineyards

East to west there is a coastal influence, a continental climate further east and high elevations near the Andes

There are extremes:
Elqui in the North and Bio Bio in the South

Chile has many different soil types which are suitable for wine production.
Slate, Granite, Sand, Clay and Limestone.



The Vines:

The Vines of Chile have not been effected by Phylloera

Chile still has vines that date back to pre-phyloxera in Bordeaux.

Old Vines!

Regions of Chile are scattered with old vines... which means more concetrated wines

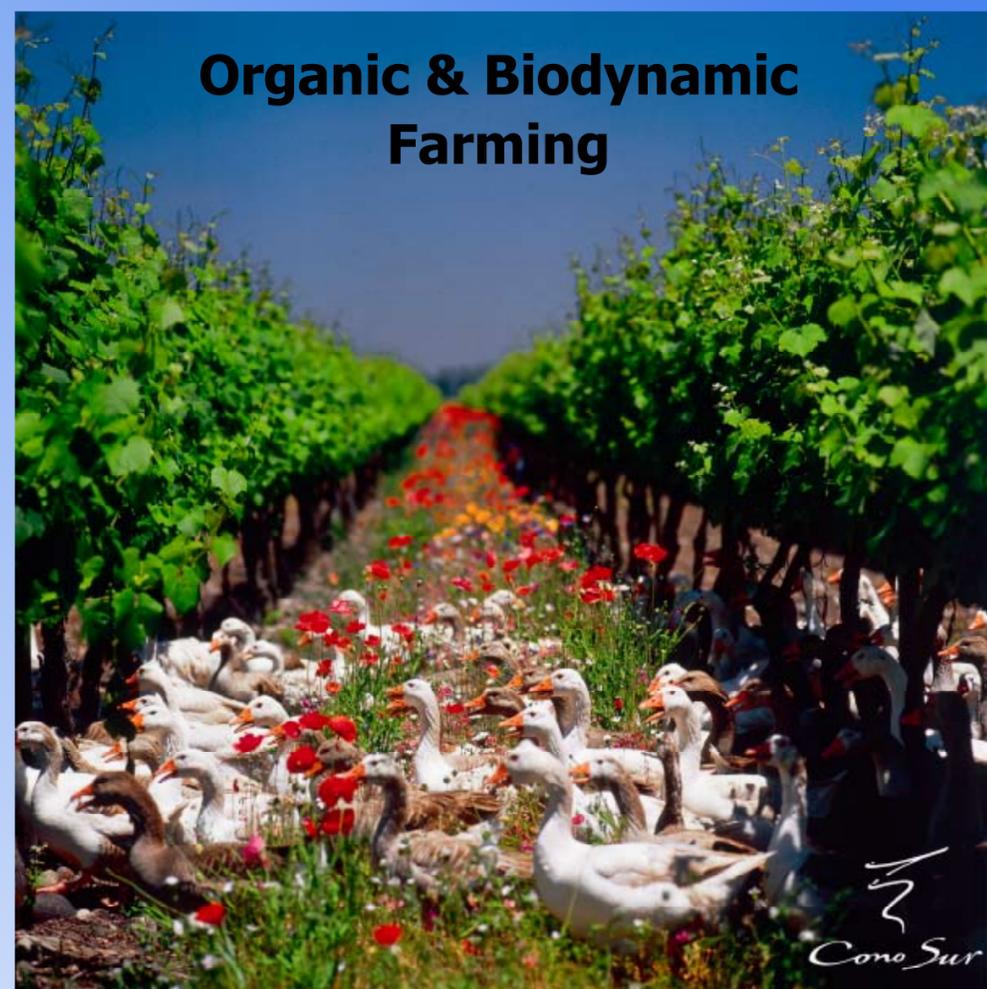
Organic and Biodynamic farming

Wine makers are spreading into regions. Some of these areas have not been touched by fungicides, insecticides or pesticides

Virgin Lands!

There is a shared knowledge today in which winemakers are now looking to get longer hang times to eliminate the green characteristics.

vines are trellesed upright to protect from intense afternoon sunsunlight



Winemakers:

Chile's wine was once focused in the hands of a few winemakers with an old approach to winemaking

Competition was fierce and wineries were closed off

In the past 15 years, two Universities were founded with a viticulture program.

What used to be 5 people a year graduating with degrees in enology and viticulture is now grown exponentially.

Influence of young winemakers from the US, France and Spain has contributed to a new approach to wine

Today wine makers share information rather than guard it. Winemakers are more focused on planting vines by looking at the terroir first, and minimizing yields.



Modern Wineries:

New Thoughts have been introduced in Chile. What was once traditional and safe is now taking risks and experimenting

Better wine making techniques to result in better production

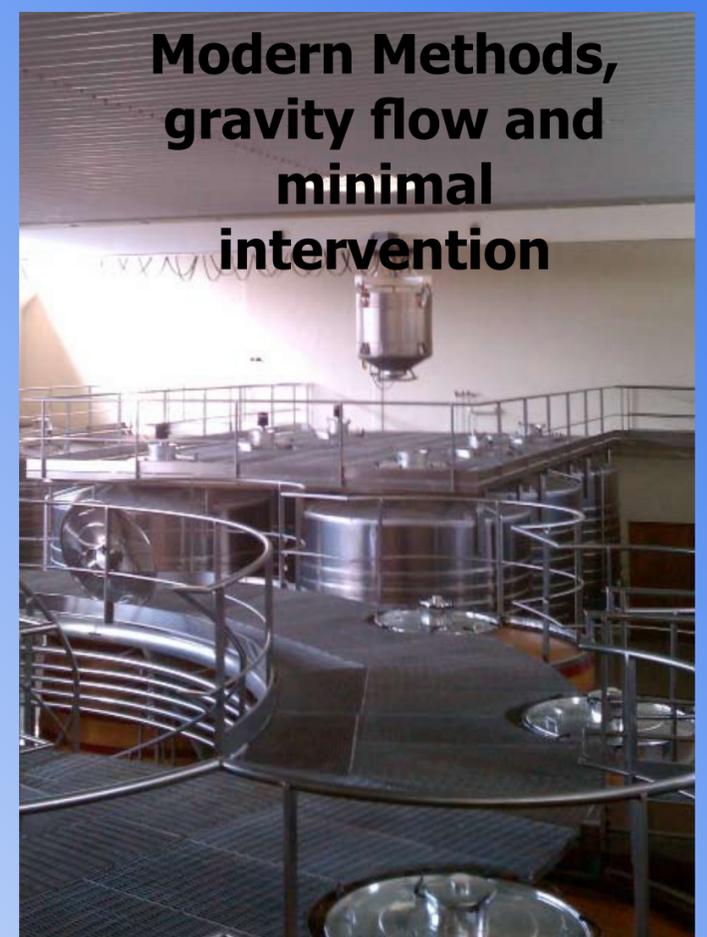
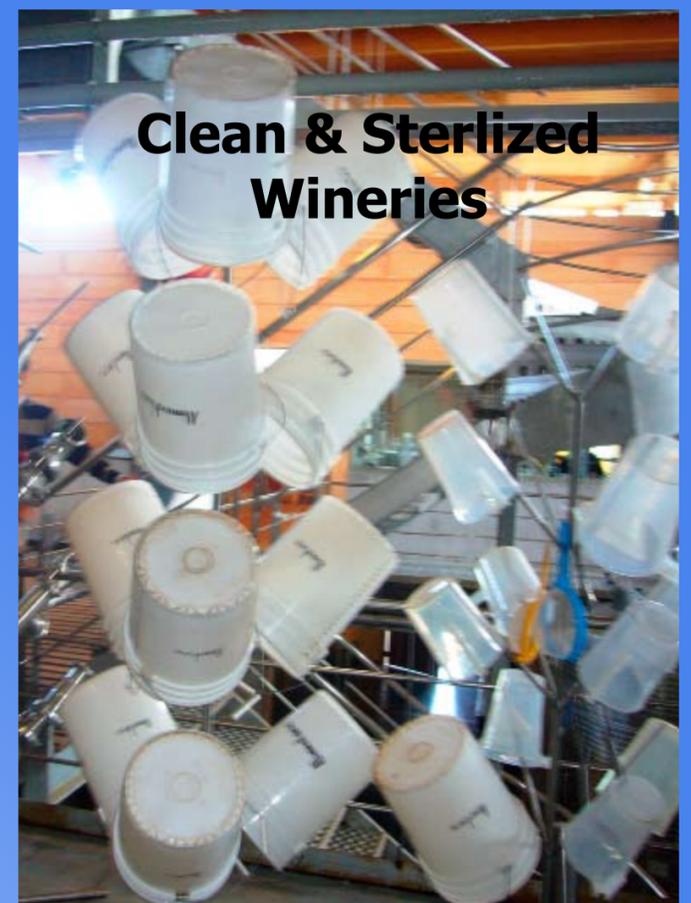
Gravity flow

Look at barrel use

Temperature control

Cleanliness

Earthquake:
rebuilding of wineries, re-thinking use of modern techniques



Wine Regions of Chile

1994 the DO's Denominación de Origen



Coquimbo

Elqui
Limarí
Choapa

Aconcagua

Aconcagua
Casablanca
San Antonio
(Leyda, Lo Abarca)

Central Valley

Maipo
Rapel
Cachapoal
Colchagua
Curicó
Maule

Southern Regions

Itata
Bío Bío
Malleco

Grapes of Chile

Coquimbo
Elqui
Limarí
Choapa

Moscatel, Pedro Ximenez,
Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon,
Sauvignon Blanc,
Chardonnay & Pinot Noir

Aconcagua
Aconcagua
Casablanca
San Antonio
(Leyda, Lo Abarca)

Merlot, Carmenera, Syrah,
Cabernet Sauvignon,
Sauvignon Blanc,
Chardonnay & Pinot Noir

Central Valley
Maipo Rapel
Cachapoal
Colchagua Curicó
Maule

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot,
Carmenera, Syrah, Malbec,
Pais, Chardonnay

Southern Regions
Itata
Bío Bío
Malleco

Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay,
Riesling, Moscatel,
Gewurztraminer, Pinot Noir, Pais

Chile's Extremes - North

Elqui

This region is the most northern region of Chile

Planted in 1999

It is known for Astronomy, Pisco & Magic

The north is a desert, however recognized for its cool climate Syrah.

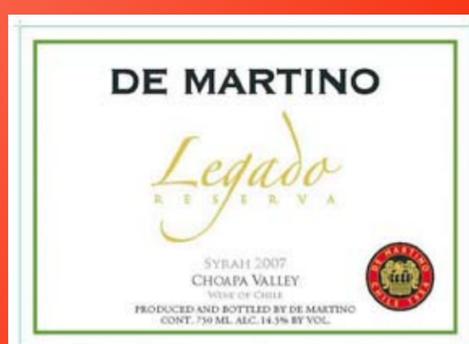
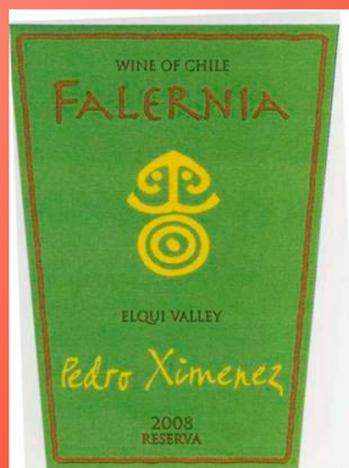
These vineyards are planted in among the valleys between rolling hills

The cloudless sky provides 10 times more solar radiation; at night temperatures drop significantly

The wines are racy and tight

On a side note, Elqui is the destination for many 2012 fanatics

The earth's strongest magnetic energy is in Elqui



Marcelo Retamal of DeMartino



Chile's Extremes - South Bio Bio

Another new and exciting region

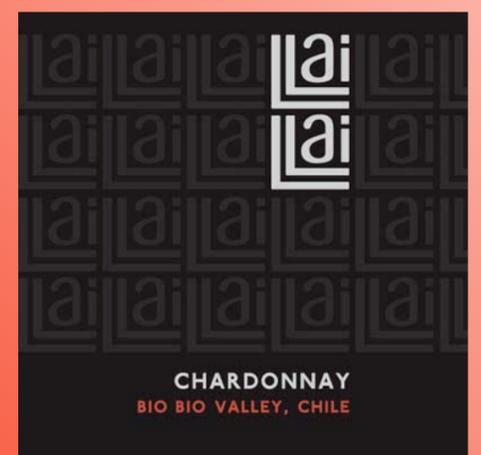
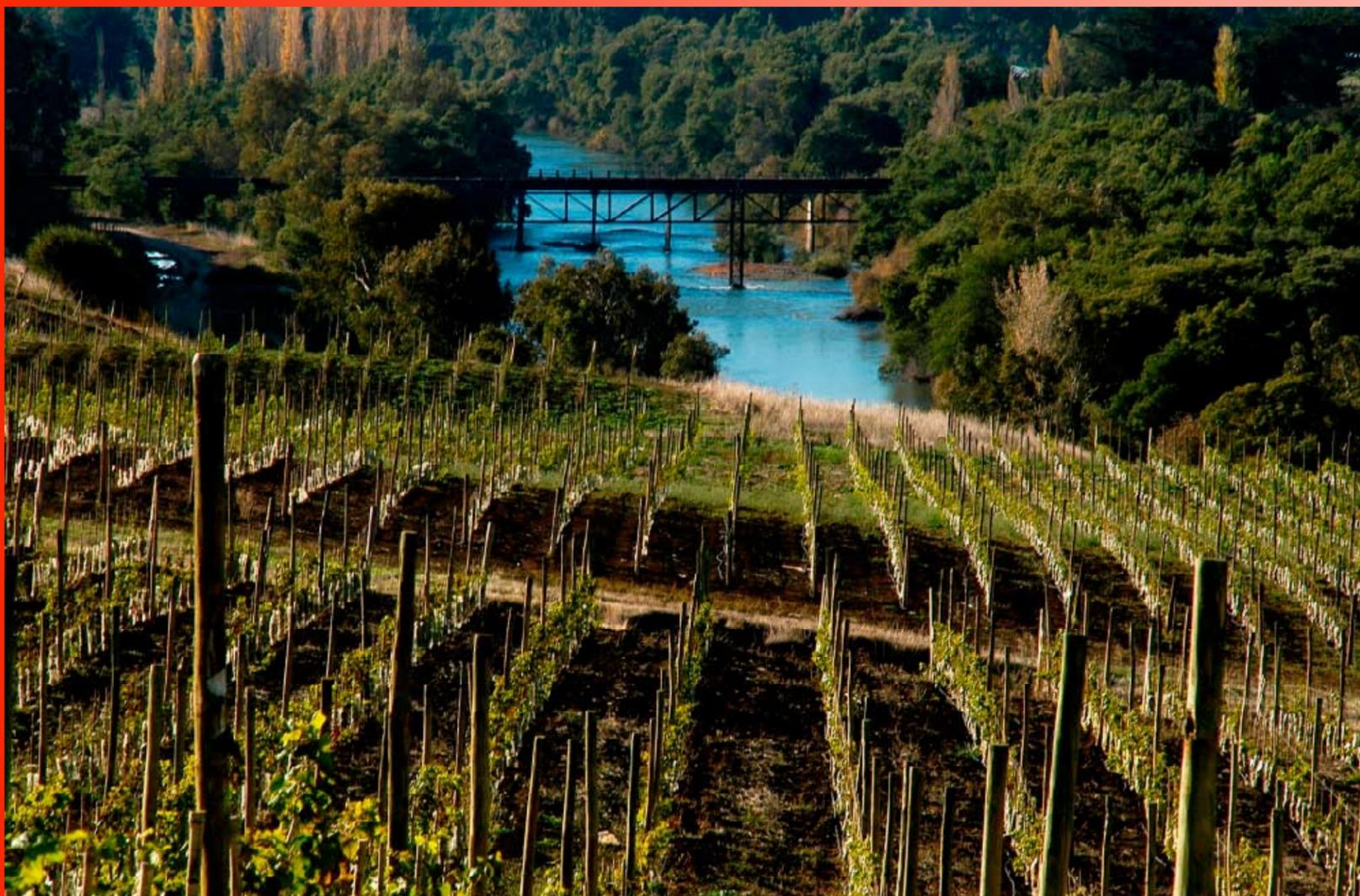
Winemakers are exploring the cooler climates of Chile

Bio Bio is to south and has warm long days and cool nights provide even ripening

Challenges in this region are the higher rainfall, strong winds and extreme temperatures

A very difficult region to grow in, however, the result are wines with higher acidity

The region is known for Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and has the most Pais planted



Limari

Limari lies within the Coquimbo DO 400km north of Santiago

It was first planted in the 16th century, but today there has been a surge in popularity.

It's mineral rich soils receive very little rain fall.

Although it gets a lot of sun there is a cooling fog which comes from the sea known as the Camanchaca.

Mountains along coast block most of the rain and fog creeps in through the valleys.

Delicious Sauvignon Blancs, Syrahs, Carmeneres and Chardonnays from here

Winemakers are now exploring these regions to make wines of quality.

Wineries of note
Tabalia and
Casa Tomaya



Tabalia Winery



Casablanca



One of the newer regions to hit the limelight in the 1980's

Pablo Morande compared it to California

Became well known for its cool climate Sauvignon Blanc

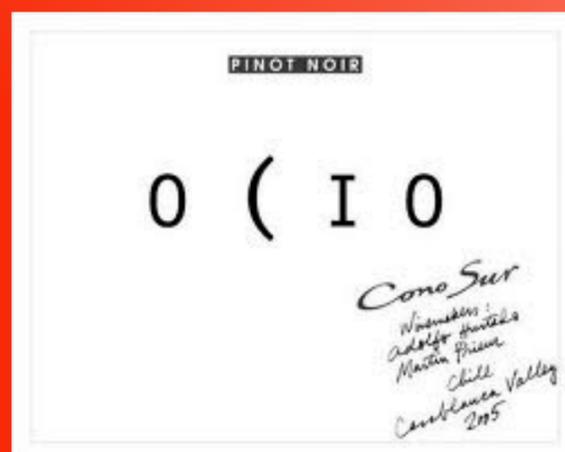
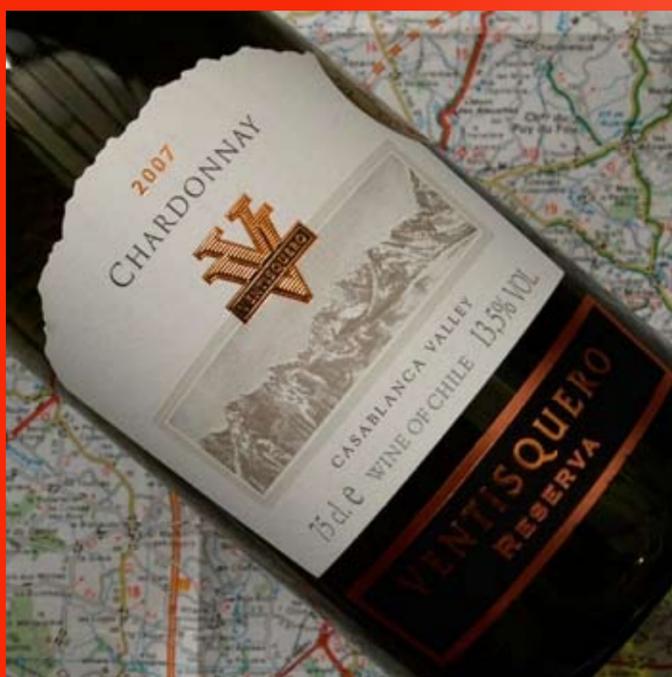
Soils are clay and have rich minerals

Today Casablanca prices are skyrocketing, forcing winemakers to look elsewhere for cool climate regions

There is a cooling fog that creeps over the coastal mountains and cools the valley and provides humidity

Has become more touristic sense it lies on the road between Santiago and Valaparaíso

Wineries of Casablanca:
Veramonte, Loma Larga,
William Cole, Kingston



Vina Del Mar and Valparaiso

These Cities are just north of Casa Blanca
Rich history as port towns
Today tourist attractions



The Main port of Chile...The Gateway to Europe



Aconcagua

This region is home to the largest mountain in the Americas Mt. Aconcagua

The region is a cool climate region known for Syrah, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blancs

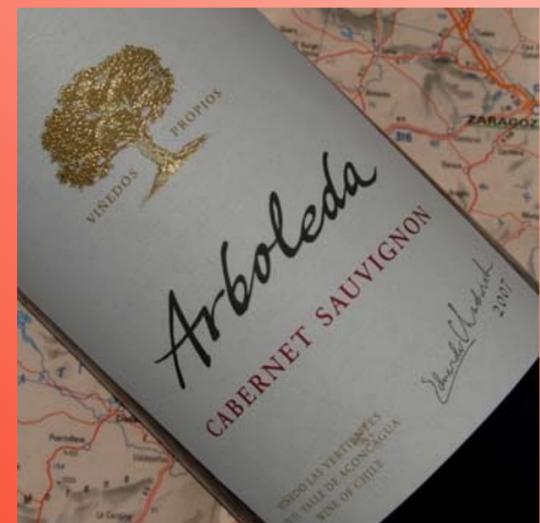


This area will benefit from the new laws distinguishing Coastal, Central and Mountain regions.

Growing conditions are very different from the coast to the Andes

Soils are sandy, rocky and rich in minerals brought from the river

wineries:
Errazuriz & San Esteban



Central Valley

Maipo, Rapel/Cachapoal,
Colchagua, Curicó, Maule

Central Valley is what we think about when we talk about
Chilean Wine

The regions are closer to Santiago and will vary climatically from west
to east

The different DO's are divided up by canals

The canals are a major reason for the facility to plant here they
provide natural irrigation

These rivers drain from the Andes in the east and give the valleys
their name



Leyda (San Antonio)

Leyda is the hottest new region and lies within the San Antonio DO

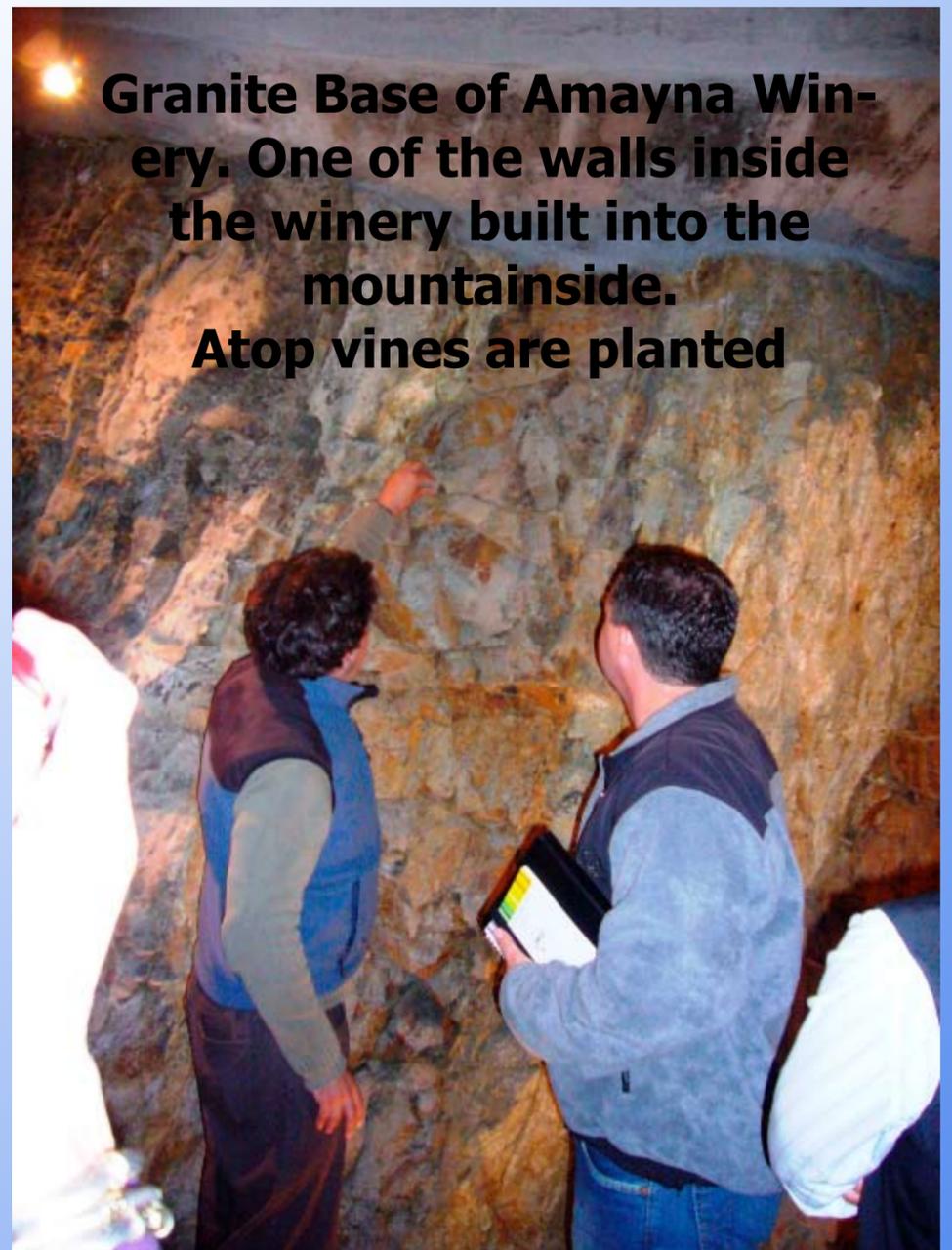
Cool Climate Region

It is west of the Coastal mountains and receives a lot of fog.

The region has become well known for Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot and Chardonnay.

The soils are of a granite base with clay loamy top layers.

Vines stress themselves to find water and create intense wines.



Granite Base of Amayna Winery. One of the walls inside the winery built into the mountainside. Atop vines are planted

Wineries from this region: Leyda, Amayna, Garces Silva



Carmenere

Carmenere is to Chile like Zinfandel is to California

Carmenere was a Bordeaux variety that almost became extinct after Phyloxera devastated the vines of Bordeaux at the end of the 1800's.

It was never replanted and thought to be extinct

Carmenere had been brought to Chile prior to the epidemic in France.

Because of Chile's dry and sandy soils, Phyloxera was never an issue.

However, it looked just like Merlot and for many years Chilean Merlot was actually Carmenere.

It had a distinct green flavor of Bell pepper

In 1994, DNA testing showed that Carmenere was alive and well in Chile

Today, winemakers are improving Carmenere by replanting in areas where they can get a longer hang time to remove the vegetal aromas.



Maipo

Maipo Valley is the most well known regions of Chile

The region is and around Santiago

Pacific Maipo

The vineyards are tucked away east of the coastal mountains.

The area is right along side San Antonio
San Antonio known for Pinot Noirs

Central Maipo is west of Santiago

It has a great influence from the Maipo River which
scatters alluvial soils

Less rainfall than the pacific vineyards

The temperatures are warm but not too hot, with
clear skies giving grapes excellent UV light.



Alto-Maipo

High elevation, Sun rises on other side of Andes and morning sun comes late

All the Benefits of mountain vineyards, excellent irrigation, volcanic soils and UV exposure

Day is warm

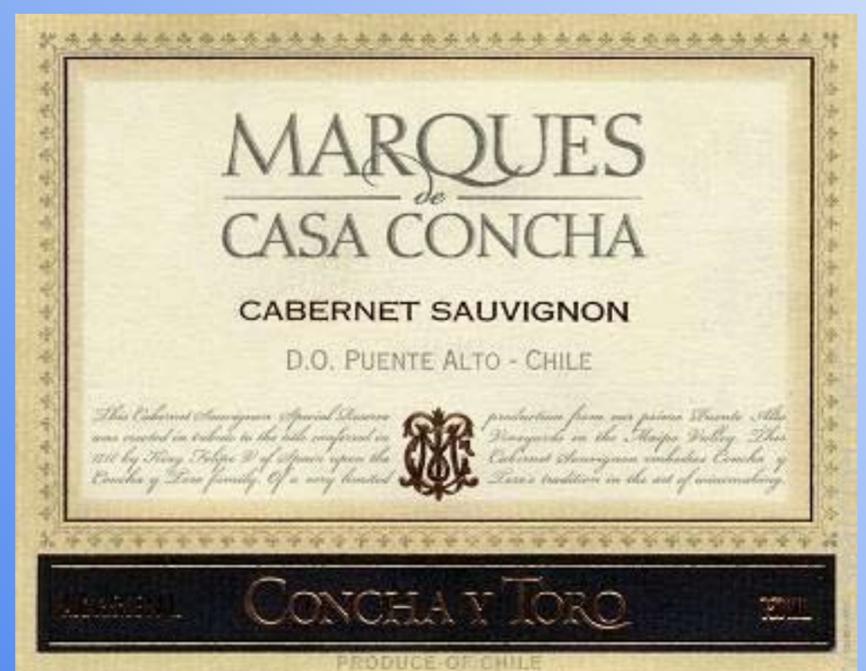
Cool Mountain breezes retain acidity.

Cabernet Sauvignon Country

There are not many new vineyard sites in Maipo and more and more winemakers are looking elsewhere

This region is home to some of the most popular Chilean Brands

Carmen, Concha y Toro, Santa Ema, Santa Rita, Domus Aurea, Cousino Macul, Odjfell, DeMartino, Ventisqueros,



Cachapoal/Rapel Valley

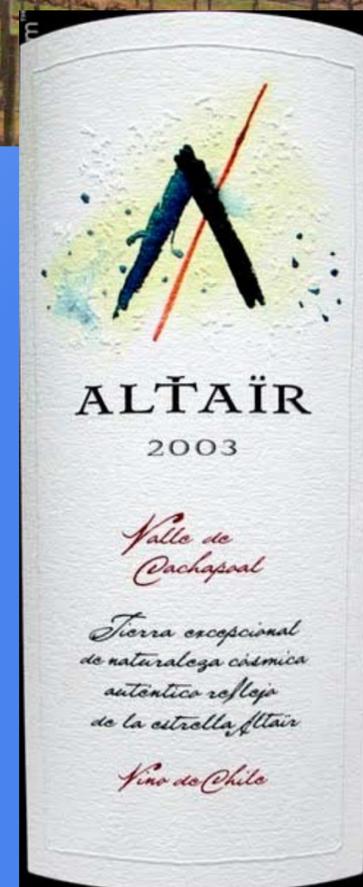
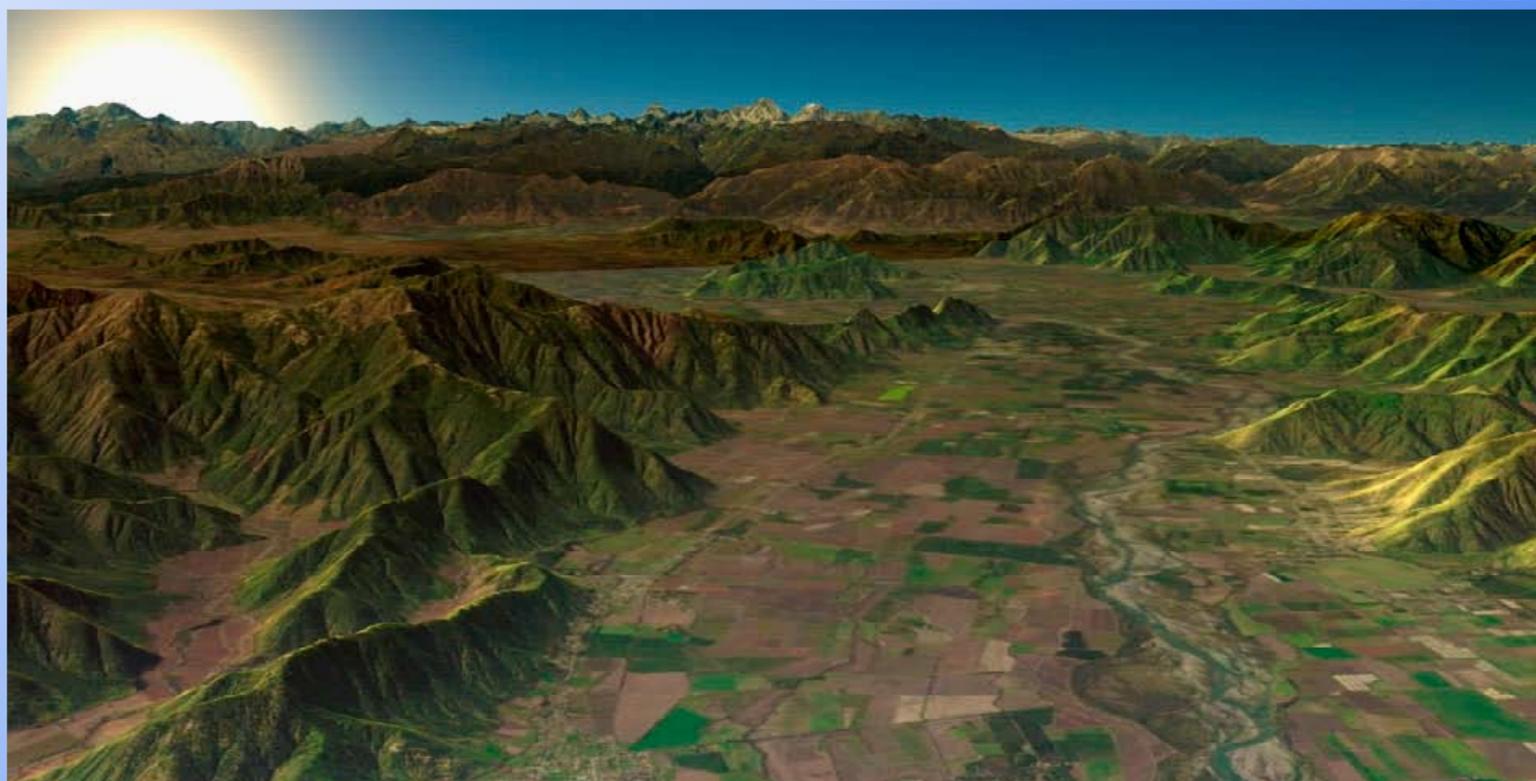
This region is south of Maipo and divided into three areas Cachapoal, Cachapoal Alto & Peumo near the Coast

The Region is known for Carmenera and Cabernet Sauvignon

Peumo Carmenera grows really well, it is a bit cooler than the rest of the valley and allows for longer hang time so the the Carmenera can ripen

The Wines of Altair come from here. One of the most prized wines of Chile

Wineries of the region:
Anakena & Morande



Colchagua Valley

The Southern part of the Rapel Valley

It is a warm region and known for Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenera, Malbec and Syrah

It is hot however, the Colchagua river allows for a cool breeze to cool grapes down

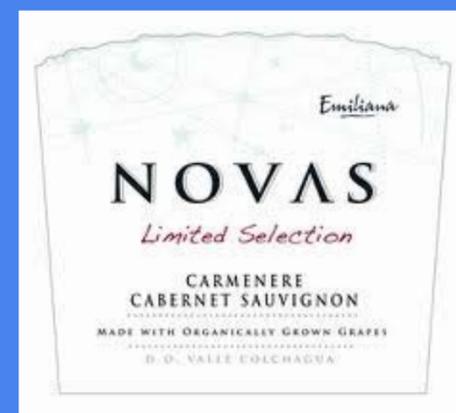
The Clos Aplata Vineyard provides the grapes for some of the most prized wines of Chile

Home to some of the most recognized names in Chile

Wineries of the region:

Casa Lapostolle, Apaltagua, Caliterra, Casa Silva, Cono Sur, Los Vascos, Montes, Emiliana, Lurton

Clos Apalta Winery



Curico

The Curico is south of Rapel valley.

The Curico is home to many different Grape Varieties

It is a region in which winemaking goes back to the mid 1800's and today many foreign winemakers are experimenting

Home to Miguel Torres, a Spanish winery which has led the way in foreign investment in Chile.

The valley is dominated by Cabernet, Carmenera & Merlot
Closer to mountains there is Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay

The soils are rich alluvial soils

Wineries of the Curico:

Aresti, Miguel Torres, San Pedro & Valdivieso



Maule

An exciting region home to some very old vines some of the first planted in Chile

They are dry farmed and are filled with bush vines

A region becoming known for natural field blends

This region is a bit cooler with plenty of sun, allows for long hang times and vines can be harvested together for blends

Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot do very well here

Carignan is the most exciting wine from this region. A Spanish grape known in the region of Priorat.

Old Carignan bush vines producing some of the best juice in Chile

Wineries of note:

O'Fournier, J. Bouchon, Calina

