

VIÑA ERRAZURIZ SPOTLIGHTED IN ROBERT PARKER'S ANNUAL CHILE REPORT

With exceptional scores, Viña Errazuriz led the latest Annual Report on Chilean wines, published in the December 2015 issue of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. In the report, entitled "Chile: Think Outside the Box", author Luis Gutierrez offered a summary of his findings, outlining today's complex Chilean wine scene.



Some highlights for Viña Errazuriz in the report include the inaugural vintage release of 2014 Las Pizarras Chardonnay, which earned 95 points, Don Maximiano Founder's Reserve 2013 and The Blend Collection White 2015, each with 93 points, and Las Pizarras Pinot Noir 2014 and The Blend Collection Red 2012, with 92 points each.

"Tasting the Errázuriz line up is always exciting, as they are exploring the coastal, fresher parts of their vineyards, separating plots and vinifying them separately. Part of this

search resulted in the creation of two groundbreaking wines from slate soils, a terroir still to be explored and exploited in Chile. The slate (or schist) wines show subdued minerality and a different character, and while the Pinot Noir is very good, the Chardonnay really excels. The team of Eduardo Chadwick and Francisco Baetting are showing clockwork precision with better wines each vintage. They are all highly recommended," commented -Luis Gutierrez



93
POINTS

DON MAXIMIANO FOUNDER'S RESERVE

Don Maximiano's Founders Reserve 2013 93 Points

"It has a very classical nose, a Bordeaux blend with aromas of blackberries, faint balsamic notes, cedar wood, graphite, cigar box, cracked peppercorns and tobacco leaves. It has a lot less new oak than the vintages of yesteryear. The palate is medium to full-bodied with the telltale Cabernet tannins, juicy fruit, and tension keeping the freshness balancing the sweet fruit. One of the finest versions of Don Maximiano."



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THE BLEND COLLECTION

Blend Collection White 2015 93 points

"The style is fresh with good acidity and nerve, not heavy and nicely balanced, with fresh acidity and plenty of soil/earthy sensations. This is a great Mediterranean white that opens up with time in the glass, so decant it in advance."

Blend Collection Red 2012 92 points

"It has aromas of wild flowers and berries, some aromatic herbs, but without any excess.... It has some grippy tannins, something that is intended, perhaps the increase in Carignan could be the reason why. Red fruit and floral, with perfectly integrated oak. This has freshness and stuffing to develop in the bottle."



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LAS PIZARRAS INAUGURAL 2014 VINTAGE RELEASE



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Las Pizarras Chardonnay 2014 95 points

"I cannot think of any commercial Chardonnay on slate, so I was really curious to taste this new 2014 Aconcagua Costa "Las Pizarras" Chardonnay, which was sourced from the cool, coastal part of the Aconcagua Valley. They selected the fruit from the vines growing in slate-rich (schist) soils in their Manzanar vineyard. The profile is austere and there is nothing tropical; there's not a lot of fruit and in fact, there are more aromas of nuts, spices and definitely something earthy, mineral, marine -- almost saline -- with a low pH, marked acidity and restrained alcohol. The palate is terribly tasty and very dry; it really makes you salivate in a way that made me think of a Chablis (and oysters!). Groundbreaking marine and slate Chardonnay, bravo! 2,410 bottles produced."

Las Pizarras Pinot Noir 2014 92+ points

"I had been hearing a lot about the new slate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, so I was really eager to taste them. This new 2014 Aconcagua Costa "Las Pizarras" Pinot Noir is a selection of the best lots of Pinot Noir, grown on slate soils (pizarra is the Spanish word for slate) in the coastal part of the Aconcagua Valley...very complex aromas that already point at notes of forest floor, mushrooms, truffles and game, not only wild berries and spices; it is subtle, fine and layered in a way that made me think of a wine from René Engel. There are some notes of rusty iron, blood and earth, and an absolute absence of balsamic aromas or notes of wood. The palate is medium-bodied with fine acidity and tannins, but with plenty of grip. Most would place this in the Côte de Nuits."

ACONCAGUA COSTA CONSISTENTLY RANKED 90 + POINTS!

Aconcagua Costa new vintage release makes a splash with solid 90 + points across the entire range:



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Aconcagua Costa Syrah 2014
91 points

"This 2014 felt like a cool-climate Syrah with plenty of floral aromas and some hints of smoky bacon à la Rhône Nord, elegant and fresh while being full of character. The palate is medium-bodied with some grainy, slightly dusty tannins. This is a delicious Syrah, fresh and vibrant, elegant and easy to drink but with enough complexity to compete with much more expensive wines. Superb value for money"



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Aconcagua Costa Chardonnay 2014
91 points

"It has a faint lactic nose with some smoky and spicy aromas, a core of yellow plums and waxy apples, as well as some hints of nuts with a commercial, discrete but incipient complexity; it has an approachable profile without excess (quite subtle within the barrel fermented Chardonnays). The palate is medium-bodied, dry with pungent flavors, good length and lifted by lively acidity. This is a delicious Chardonnay at a very good price."



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Aconcagua Costa Pinot Noir 2014
91 points

"The nose is fresh with aromas of black cherries and spices, with no traces of oak. The palate is very fresh, medium-bodied with polished tannins and good acidity... there is an earthy note of iron and blood with more character and complexity."



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Aconcagua Costa Sauvignon Blanc 2015
90 points

"The nose is very expressive, powerful, pungent, herbal, even vegetal with aromas of herbs and bay leaf reaching seaweed -- very fresh overall. The palate is quite fresh and austere, with good balance between acidity and volume; it is serious and dry, ideal with seafood."