

The Society's 'South America Growers Walkaround' Tasting.

There is a winemaking renaissance afoot in South America.

In Argentina, winemakers are blending the old and the new by utilising their older vineyards alongside modern winemaking techniques.

In Chile, the established old guard of Maipo, Casablanca and Rapel has now been joined by a number of more recent arrivals, including cool-climate areas such as San Antonio, adding greater variety, not to mention considerable refinement and elegance, to the wines on offer.

Uruguay has a climate and landscape more akin to Bordeaux and south-west France, and here tannat and Bordeaux varieties such as merlot and cabernet sauvignon are fighting to be ranked amongst the best of South America's wines.

All in all, we have a very exciting line-up of wines for us to try.

The Society's sweetness code:

White wines from bone dry [1] to lusciously sweet [9]

○ = white wine

● = red wine

S = screwcap closure

P = synthetic closure

ARGENTINA

Argentina is the largest wine-producing country by volume in South America. Despite spanning 18 degrees of latitude, from 40 degrees south to 22 degrees south, Argentina has a relatively narrow range of climates. This is thanks mainly to altitude, with the temperature decreasing by 0.6°C for every 100 metres climbed. Malbec is Argentina's signature grape variety, accounting for over 30% of total red grape plantings, but cabernet sauvignon and syrah are becoming increasingly popular, both in blends and on their own. As for white grapes, torrontés is classed as Argentina's 'own' variety, but the country's chardonnay and sauvignon blanc are achieving increasing success.

Mendel

Anabelle Sielecki

Mendel is an old bodega situated at Drummond, Mendoza. Built in 1928, the winery was bought by the Sielecki family in 2002, who then formed a partnership with the highly respected Roberto de la Mota who makes the wines. Here a more European style is preferred with a focus on structure as opposed to the softer, fruitier styles often seen throughout Argentina, and they produce wines which are designed to develop in bottle.

I. ○ [2] **La Primera Revancha Mendoza Chenin Blanc 2018**

Roberto de la Mota was trying to find a vineyard he first made wine from in 1985 when working at Weinert. He rediscovered the block, a special massale selection of chenin blanc (the more prevalent clone is very high-yielding) planted in the 1940s at Agrelo, at 1000m. 20% barrel fermented, this chenin has ripe peachy fruit and a really fresh palate.

Drink now to 2022. 13.5%

ref **AR4071**

£12.50 bottle

£150 dozen

2. • Mendel Mendoza Malbec 2016

This delicious Argentine red was made from a vineyard planted in 1928 in the Mayor Drummond area of Mendoza at 850-900m altitude, and offers pretty floral aromas and fine flavour in this cool vintage. Mendel's wines have a certain European restraint about them that makes them superb with food and worth decanting. Drink now to 2025. 14.5%
ref **AR4051** **£16.00** bottle **£192** dozen

Malbec is a black grape variety once popular in Bordeaux, still the backbone of the 'black' wines of Cahors, and given a new lease of life by its obvious success in Argentina where it is the country's most important high-quality wine grape. Wines made from malbec, or *cot* as it is sometimes known in France, tend to be deeply coloured, intensely flavoured with black fruits, and sometimes exhibit a hint of violet or game aromas. The wines can range in style from soft and fruity to more structured, sophisticated examples capable of long ageing.

3. • Mendel Mendoza Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

A very elegant Argentine cabernet sauvignon, aged in barrique for a year for satisfying body and a rounded finish. The fruit here is grown at high altitude on gravelly soils, adding lots of mouthwatering freshness in the glass. Delicious already, this will develop beautifully with a bit of age. Drink now to 2025. 14%
ref **AR3901** **£16.00** bottle **£192** dozen

4. • Mendel Unus Mendoza 2016

This cool year in Argentina has produced a fine yet concentrated wine, principally from malbec planted in Perdriel in 1928 with some cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot for added complexity. Drink now to 2030. 14.5%
ref **AR4061** **£25.00** bottle **£300** dozen

Bodegas Weinert

Iduna Weinert

Founded in 1975 by Bernardo Weinert, a Brazilian businessman of German origin, Bodegas Weinert has gone on to become one of Argentina's highest-acclaimed wineries. Based at Lujan de Cuyo, one of the areas known for top-quality wines within Argentina's Mendoza province, Bernardo ages his wines for two to five years (sometimes even longer) in old oak foudres which gives them a certain similarity to other long-aged wines like traditional Riojas and Lebanon's Chateau Musar.

5. • Weinert Carrascal Corte Clasico Mendoza 2015

Lovely blend of malbec, cabernet sauvignon and merlot matured for about three years in large old foudres until the bright fruit flavours have mellowed and been transformed to gentle flavours of cedar, leather and tobacco. Drink now to 2039. 14.5% **P**
ref **AR4151** **£10.95** bottle **£131** dozen

Mendoza is by far the largest and most important wine-growing province in Argentina. Situated in the west of the country, its continental climate accounts for around 70% of total production with the alluvial and clay subsoils, ample water supply and altitudes in excess of 1,000m being ideally suited to grape production.

6. • Weinert Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Some notes of mellow maturity, cedar, tobacco and leather, but still a firmish and vigorous palate. So lovely to drink now but this wine will still improve. Drink now to 2025. 14.5%
ref **AR4131** **£13.95** bottle **£167** dozen

7. • Weinert Cavas de Weinert Mendoza 2007

2007 is a fine year for this much-loved Argentine red, which is made in a lovely traditional style – aged in large oak vats for three to four years until soft and mellow. A blend of 40% malbec, 40% cabernet sauvignon and 20% merlot. Drink now to 2023. 15%
ref **AR3761** **£21.00** bottle **£252** dozen

Part of the style of Weinert's red wines is a mature, sometimes slightly more or less animally character. Part of this comes from a yeast called *brettanomyces*. In small concentrations it adds an interesting and appealing 'farmyard' character, but in excess it can spoil a wine. This yeast character is carefully controlled by Hubert Weber (Bodgeas Weinert's winemaker) to be present but not dominant.

Zuccardi

Nicolás Angelini

In 1950 Alberto Zuccardi moved to the city from Tucumán, northern Argentina, to set up a cement-pipe irrigation system that was being used in California at that time. The desert landscape of Mendoza seemed like the ideal place to show that this system would be a good way to use water more efficiently. Then in 1963 he decided to go one step further, planting a vineyard in the Maipú area to demonstrate how efficient his system was.

Over the years what had originally been an extension of Alberto's engineering work turned into something more serious and today his son, José Zuccardi, is in charge of the family winery whose annual production averages around 2,200,000 cases of wine, 40% of which comes from Mendoza's Uco Valley, with the remainder from Maipu and Santa Rosa Valleys.

8. • Las Piletas Lujan de Cuyo Malbec 2016

Fine, intense and brambly Argentine malbec blended from the best wines we tasted this year from Sebastian Zuccardi. The elements came from Lujan de Cuyo, including Agrelo, and give a mid-weight, balanced wine. Ageing in wooden barrels has rounded out the palate and sweetened the tannins. Drink now to 2022. 13.5%
ref **AR3971** **£9.75** bottle **£117** dozen

Lujan de Cuyo is one of the areas best known for top-quality wines in Argentina's famous Mendoza province. The climate here is ideal for viticulture, with low levels of frost, hail and wind, plenty of sunshine, and a good water supply both from the surrounding rivers and from melting snow high up in the nearby Andes mountains.

9. • Las Piletas Santa Rosa Bonarda 2017

Bonarda, not related to Piemontese bonarda, but to a more obscure variety called corbeau noir or charbono, needs heat to ripen. It gets this in the hot desert lands to the east of Mendoza where it produces a ripe, deep-coloured, fruit bomb of a wine with explosive black-cherry fruit, yet finishes with a satisfying freshness. Drink now to 2021. 13%

ref **AR3831** **£9.95** bottle **£119** dozen

Very low stock

10. • Zuccardi Poligonos San Pablo Cabernet Franc 2017

One sniff of this wonderful cedary Argentine cabernet franc takes you back to school with its freshly shaved lead-pencil scent! On the palate, it offers lovely bright red fruit with a wonderful intensity of flavour, thanks to a cool vineyard at 1,400m.

Drink now to 2025. 13%

ref **AR3841** **£16.50** bottle **£198** dozen

URUGUAY

Uruguay is South America's fourth most important wine-producing country (behind Chile, Argentina and Brazil) despite being the second smallest in terms of area. Fairly flat in comparison to both Argentina and Chile, the coastal areas are humid with rolling green hills and limestone and clay soils. On the other hand, the north of the country is considerably drier, with stonier soils. The wines are closer in structure, style and taste to old world wines, especially Bordeaux, with the tannat grape, originally from south-west France, being Uruguay's signature variety.

Pisano Family Vineyards & Cellars

Nicolás Kozik

Don Cesare Secundino Pisano arrived in Uruguay in 1914. He planted the original vineyards and produced his first wine in 1924. Today it is three brothers of the fourth generation who run the company, namely Eduardo, viticulture, Gustavo, head of winemaking, Daniel, exports and one of the fifth generation, Gabriel, who is the cellar master.

Today they have a number of vineyards, including 30 hectares situated 25 kilometres north of Montevideo, benefiting from a sunny and cool Atlantic climate, the original Viña vineyard, next to the cellars which consists of 15 hectares of low-yielding high-density tannat amongst other varieties and a newer vineyard in Barrancal, in the Progreso region, five kilometres north of the cellars.

11. • Pisano Progreso Tannat Reserve Pileta 97 2018

Buyer Toby Morrhall tasted through many tanks of wines that he was shown at Uruguay's Pisano. He chose number 97 because, quite simply, he thought it was the best in its class.

This is lovely balanced tannat, not dry or hard, but fresh and characterful, with attractive brambly fruit. Ideal with a peppered steak. Drink now to 2022. 14%

ref **UR471** **£9.50** bottle **£114** dozen

Low stock

Tannat is the star performer in Uruguay, producing deep, rich full-bodied reds, with a herbal, black-fruit character. Tannat produced in Uruguay is much plumper and more velvety than that produced in its homeland in south-west France and can often be drunk when only a year or two old.

12. • Pisano-Arretxea Grand Reserve Progreso 2011

The Basques brought the tannat variety and the Italians brought winemaking expertise to Uruguay. How fitting that the third generation of Pisanos united Italian and Basque origins as Don César Pisano married Doña María Elsa Arretxea. This is the company's best tannat; big, broad, powerful and now harmonised thanks to time spent in the bottle.

Drink now to 2027. 13.5%

ref **UR461** **£28.00** bottle **£336** dozen

CHILE

3,000 miles long and, on average, 109 miles wide, with the Atacama Desert to the north, Antarctica to the south, the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Andes to the east, Chile encompasses a quite dazzling range of climates and geology that truly make it a viticultural paradise. Chile has long been known as a hotbed for affordable, easy-drinking wines but in recent years many producers have looked to increase quality levels to showcase Chile's ability to produce premium wines that challenge the world's best. With red varieties such as carmenère, pinot noir and cabernet sauvignon and white wines from chardonnay and sauvignon blanc amongst others, Chile is home to an incredible range of varieties, styles and vinous experiences.

Concha y Toro

Concha y Toro was founded in 1883 by Don Melchor Concha y Toro and his wife Emiliana Subercaseaux when they brought Bordeaux varietals such as cabernet sauvignon, merlot, sauvignon blanc, semillon and carmenère from Europe to start their vineyards in Pirque, Chile.

Over the last 130 years, Concha y Toro has expanded to become the largest wine producer in South America and one of the largest in the world with over 9,500 hectares under vine throughout Chile and Argentina as well as a further 429 hectares in Mendocino County, California.

13. ○ [2] **Concha y Toro Corte Ignacio Casablanca Sauvignon Blanc 2018**

This unoaked Chilean sauvignon blanc comes from a vineyard in the south-western part of Casablanca, which is one of the coolest areas. 2018 is one of the best vintages of the last ten years, and the wine is taut and firm with typical aromas of blackcurrant leaves and a refreshing grapefruit zing on the palate. Drink this year and next. 13% **S**

ref **CE10231** **£8.50** bottle **£102** dozen

Low stock

Located 75km north-west of Santiago, Casablanca valley was Chile's first cool-climate coastal region, planted with vines in the mid-1980s. Situated within the D.O. of Aconcagua, Casablanca has a cool Mediterranean climate with a pronounced maritime influence and receives 540mm of rain each year. The proximity to the ocean creates cool foggy mornings ideal for top-quality sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir and syrah, which are mostly grown on clay and sandy soils.

14. ○ [2] **The Society's Exhibition Limarí Chardonnay 2018**

One of the best bottlings to date of this members' favorite. Limarí's cool climate and soils high in limestone produce a taut, firm style of chardonnay. This one is 100% barrel fermented in mostly second and third-use barrels to open up the aromas without masking minerality, making this lovely as it is and even better decanted. Drink now to 2024. 14%

ref **CE10461** **£10.50** bottle **£126** dozen

15. ● **Maycas del Limarí San Julian Pinot Noir 2016**

One of Chile's best pinots and the best vintage of this wine so far: a cool year, producing very fine, intensely flavoured fruit. It comes from a vineyard situated on the southern bank of the Limarí River, where the cool climate and the ideal mix of clay and limestone soil, and the moderate yields, produce a well-structured wine. Many Chilean pinots have been

beautifully fresh and fruity but lacking mid-palate depth and length. This has that extra structure, without dryness, and that extra length, without heaviness.

Drink now to 2024. 13.5%

ref **CE9741** **£25.00** bottle **£300** dozen

16. • Marqués de Casa Concha Etiqueta Negra DO Puente Alto Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Exclusive to us, this is a sophisticated, cedary and elegant cabernet sauvignon (60%), cabernet franc (32%) and petit verdot (8%) blend. Made from the excellent Mariscal vineyard at 650m in the Puente Alto commune and matured for 16 months in barriques to soften the tannins. Drink now to 2033. 13.5%

ref **CE10311** **£16.50** bottle **£198** dozen

The slow oxygenation of the wine as a result of spending time in barrel helps to reduce the fresh, grapy primary aromas of young wines and deepens and stabilises the wine's colour, softens its tannins and increases the complexity of flavour compounds. American oak (*quercus alba*) generally imparts a more obvious vanilla and coconut flavour to the wine than the creamy, spice influence of European oak (*quercus petraea* and *robur*).

17. • Concha y Toro Terrunyo Lote I Casablanca Merlot 2014

Lovely cedar-scented, plum-and-spice flavoured Chilean merlot from a warm spot in the cool Casablanca valley, ideally suited to merlot. 5% cabernet franc and 5% cabernet sauvignon contribute a little extra complexity. Drink now to 2024. 14%

ref **CE9291** **£22.00** bottle **£264** dozen

Debajo

Ed Cross and Alex Gittens

Made from dry-farmed Carignan grown in Curico's coastal mountains. Debajo means 'beneath' and refers to the vines' struggle for water, digging their roots through the cracks in the dry earth to find water reserves deep beneath the ground.

18. • Debajo Central Valley Carignan 2018

Bright, black-fruited Chilean red, made from carignan fruit grown on bush vines in the warm Central Valley. A dash of grenache adds flesh and body resulting in a beautifully balanced wine. Drink now to 2022. 13.5% **S**

ref **CE10591** **£6.95** bottle **£83** dozen

Emiliana

Ed Cross and Alex Gittens

Emiliana was founded in 1986 by the inspirational and eco-friendly brothers Rafael & Jose Guilisasti with the dream of creating a 100% organic & bio-dynamic winery. To do this, they brought in bio-dynamic expert Alvaro Espinoza and they now have one of the largest bio-dynamic vineyards in the world at approximately 1,100 hectares. Many of their wines are purchased by The Wine Society, but of particular note is their 'Silbador' range, so called because of the insect-eating silbador bird that populates the vineyard and helps to maintain the balanced eco-system. Their carmenère, chardonnay, merlot & gewürztraminer have all become favourites at The Society.

19. ○ [2] Silbador Rapel Gewürztraminer 2018

Fresh, rose-petal scented gewürztraminer made from organically farmed vineyards. Chile has the remarkable ability to make classic gewürz at very keen prices. Drink this year and next.

S

ref **CE10571** **£7.50** bottle **£90** dozen

20. ● Silbador Merlot 2018

Fresh, appealing and spicy merlot made by Emiliana from organically grown grapes.

Drink now to 2023. **S**

ref **CE10601** **£7.50** bottle **£90** dozen

Viña Koyle and LTU

Cristobal Undurraga

Koyle (pronounced 'koy-lay') is a new project from the Undurraga family, who have sold the company that bears their name and bought an estate near Los Lingues, in Alto Colchagua, called Viña Koyle, to make, principally, fine red wines. They now have a total of 80 hectares which includes thirteen different varieties planted on red clay over friable granite soils. The entire vineyard is currently going through biodynamic transformation, a process that takes at least three years.

21. ● Koyle Costa Rapel Coastal Pinot Noir 2016

Fresh, intensely aromatic pinot from a cool coastal vineyard, this is ripe and silky textured.

Drink now to 2022. 14%

ref **CE10551** **£12.50** bottle **£150** dozen

22. ● The Society's Exhibition DO Los Lingues, Colchagua Carmenère 2017

Made for us by Koyle, who are masters of this grape, this is an intensely flavoured wine with a ripe yet fresh palate of black fruit and notes of clove and black pepper. Matured in barrels for about 18 months. Drink now to 2025. 14%

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ref **CE10351** **£11.95** bottle **£143** dozen

Originally from the Médoc region of Bordeaux, carmenère has truly found its home in Chile after it disappeared from Europe in the late 19th century only to be found field planted amongst the merlot grapes in Chile, where they were originally thought to be one and the same. A notoriously late ripener, carmenère often produces deep purple wines with touches of spice and ripe bramble fruit.

23. ● Koyle Cerro Basalto Cuartel G2 Carmenère 2016

'One of the best carmenères I have tasted,' is the verdict of our Chile buyer, Toby Morrhall.

2016 is an excellent vintage at Koyle. Cerro Basalto is a hillside vineyard of low-fertility soil, hence the natural concentration, and is in a coolish spot for carmenère so this is ripe but fresh. A small percentage of cabernet franc contributes a cedary note to the flavour.

Drink now to 2026. 14%

ref **CE9931** **£16.00** bottle **£192** dozen

24. • Koyle Cerro Basalto Alto Colchagua 2015

The best vintage of this Chilean red so far. Mourvèdre provides spicy, tobacco and leather characters, while 30% garnacha brings a rose petal like aroma with notes of orange peel. A quarter carignan contributes freshness, structure and length, while a splash of syrah adds juiciness and rich fruit. Drink now to 2027. 14.5%

ref **CE992I** **£17.00** bottle **£204** dozen

25. • Koyle AUMA Alto Colchagua 2010

A fine Chilean wine principally from the best blocks of hillside vineyards with predominantly schist soils. A rich and opulent blend of carmenère, cabernet sauvignon, malbec, syrah and petit verdot aged a couple of years in barrel. Drink now to 2026. 14.5%

ref **CE861I** **£36.00** bottle **£432** dozen

26. • LTU La Consulta Malbec 2013

Fine, finessed, floral-scented Argentine malbec from an excellent cool year. Made by Cristobal Undurraga of Koyle, it was matured for 28 months in barrel, of which 30% were new. This is a superb wine with many years ahead of it with the promise of developing remarkable complexity in the bottle. Drink now to 2029. 14%

ref **AR379I** **£36.00** bottle **£432** dozen

Matetic Vineyards

Arturo Larraín

The Matetic family are of Croatian origin and arrived in Chile over 100 years ago. In 1998 the family launched a new venture in the form of Matetic Wines in the Rosario Valley, an offshoot of the San Antonio Valley. Here they planted in a cool-climate area of well-drained, low-vigour soils some 18km from the cooling sea.

The Matetic methodology is focused on the natural environment, even down to the native alpacas used to graze between the vines to keep down competing vegetation. All the grapes are picked by hand and sorted again at the winery to ensure that only excellent, healthy fruit is vinified and they have established an enviable reputation for both their ecological credentials and the quality of the wine.

27. ○ [2] Matetic Corralillo Casablanca Valley Riesling 2017

With a well-balanced, fresh and zesty palate, this is a delicious dry Chilean riesling. Drink now to 2021. 13.5% **S**

ref **CE1017I** **£9.50** bottle **£114** dozen

Riesling (pronounced reece-ling) could claim to be the finest white grape variety in the world on the basis of the longevity of its wines. After suffering a drop in popularity during the late 20th century, due to often high levels of residual sugar, dry riesling is hugely fashionable once again. Alsace producers would claim to be the masters of this style but many cool-climate Australian and South American producers are giving them a run for their money.

28. ○ [2] Matetic Corralillo San Antonio Gewürztraminer 2018

An intense, concentrated yet fine-flavoured wine, the result of low yields and a cool climate. With an intense rose-petal perfume, this is dry and refreshing. Drink now to 2021. 13.5% **S**

ref **CE1016I** **£9.50** bottle **£114** dozen

Viña Tabalí

Felipe Muller East

Founded in 1993 in the northern Limarí Valley, Tabalí make good use of their closeness to the Atacama Desert, the proximity of the Pacific Ocean and the ideal climate and terroir of their vineyards to produce exceptional premium and super premium wines. It is this expression of the distinct regional characteristics that make Tabalí one of the most celebrated wineries in Chile.

29. ○ [2] **The Society's Chilean Limarí Sauvignon Blanc 2018**

From one of the best recent vintages for Chile, this intense 2018 is a crisp sauvignon blanc with blackcurrant-leaf aromas and a refreshing palate, produced from cool vineyards in Limarí. Drink this year and next. 13% **S**

ref **CE10201** **£7.75** bottle **£93** dozen

30. ○ [2] **Tabalí Barranco Río Hurtado Limarí Viognier 2017**

A full-flavoured yet refreshing Chilean viognier from a high-altitude vineyard on the eastern side of Limarí where the Andes mountain range begins. Poor soils are less than a metre deep over a volcanic bedrock. This offers a ripe apricot nose and full yet fresh-tasting palate. Drink now to 2021. 14%

ref **CE10411** **£13.95** bottle **£167** dozen

A break in the coastal mountain range to the northwest of the Limarí Valley results in a very strong cooling influence from the 14°C Pacific Ocean for vineyards planted about 25km from the coast. This cool climate, with rainfall of just 100mm per year, little or no frost risk and some soils containing limestone produce mineral styles of wine which ages well.

31. ○ [2] **Talinay Limarí Coastal Limestone Vineyard Chardonnay 2017**

Just 12km from the sea, Talinay is one of the coolest vineyards in Chile. It is also planted on a limestone terrace, so far unique in Chile. Soils high in limestone give a pure, crystalline, linear character which, combined with the cool climate, gives a taut and fresh wine.

Drink now to 2022. 13.5%

ref **CE10401** **£14.95** bottle **£179** dozen

32. ● **Tabalí Micas Peumo Carmenère 2015**

From a vineyard planted in 1957, this is a superb, silky-textured carmenère, with sweet tannins, ripe fruit and an exquisite cedary perfume. Drink now to 2022. 14.5%

ref **CE10421** **£13.50** bottle **£162** dozen

Viña Undurraga

Jorge Smith

Undurraga has two winemaking cellars, with a total capacity of an incredible 23 million litres. One is located at Quinta de Tilcoco and the other on the Santa Ana Estate in Talagante. They are both modern facilities and are where the fermentation, processing, and bottling take place. However, despite their ultra-modern winery, they still use their cool, underground cellars, dating back to the 19th century, which provide the perfect environment for ageing their reserva wines.

33. ○ [2] Undurraga Cauquenes Estate Maule Viognier-Roussanne-Marsanne 2018

Viognier supplies peachy perfume and caressing texture to this popular Chilean blend, while the roussanne and marsanne provide structure, lift and extra aromatic complexity.

Drink now to 2022. 13.5% **S**

ref **CE10481** **£7.75 bottle** **£93 dozen**

34. ● Undurraga Candelabro Carmenère 2018

From the Cauquenes region of Maule, this is a ripe and full carmenère with a soft and generous palate. Drink now to 2022. 14% **S**

ref **CE10371** **£7.75 bottle** **£93 dozen**

35. ● Undurraga Cauquenes Estate Grenache-Syrah 2016

A new blend of mostly grenache for roundness with a dash of syrah giving lift and a perfume of black fruit and spice. Drink now to 2023. 14.5%

ref **CE10021** **£8.95 bottle** **£107 dozen**

36. ● Undurraga TH Alto Maipo Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

This intense, fine-boned cabernet was aged for 13 months in oak. It owes its elegance to the cool temperatures of its main constituent vineyard. It was planted in 1992 at the high altitude of 685 metres altitude in the top Maipo commune of Pirque. Drink now to 2026. 13.5%

ref **CE10061** **£13.95 bottle** **£167 dozen**

The 'TH' stands for 'Terroir Hunter'— a range which seeks out wines that combine the best match of climate, soil and grape variety. This range was brought in after the purchase of Undurraga by millionaire José Yuraszeck in 2006 and they have been a huge success here at The Wine Society for a number of years.

37. ● Undurraga TH Maule Carignan 2013

Made from unirrigated old bush-vine carignan from two different Chilean vineyards, 52% Loncomilla and 48% Cauquenes, and matured for 16 months in barrel, 10% new. This is taut and linear carignan, with a refreshing black-fruit character, quite European in style and best enjoyed with food. Drink this year and next. 14.5%

ref **CE8481** **£12.50 bottle** **£150 dozen**

38. ● Undurraga TH Maule Garnacha-Cariñena-Monastrell 2015

Lovely blend of 69% garnacha for richness, 27% cariñena for freshness and 4% monastrell for grip. Matured one year in 225-litre barrels, then another in foudres, this is a wine of controlled power, ripe yet not heavy. Drink now to 2025. 14.5%

ref **CE10501** **£17.00 bottle** **£204 dozen**