

The Wines of Chile



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The Chilean wine region extends almost the entire length of the country.

Starting from the southern region of Malleco and extending to the northern region of Elqui. In all, there are about 14 regions where wine grapes are grown and harvested. In each region, because of its climate and soil conditions, makes it suitable for a specific varietal of grape to grow. Here, we will touch on a brief overview of the regions and the grapes grown within those regions. We will start from the south, and work our way to the north.

- **Malleco** – Chardonnay, and Pinot Noir
- **Bio Bio** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Moscatel de Alexandria, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling
- **Itata** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Moscatel de Alexandria, Sauvignon Blanc
- **Maule** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Chardonnay, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc
- **Curico** - Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Chardonnay, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc
- **Colchagua** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah
- **Cachapoal** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay
- **Maipo** - Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Syrah, Chardonnay
- **San Antonio** – Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc
- **Leyda** - Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc
- **Casablanca** – Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Carmenere, Sauvignon Blanc
- **Aconcagua** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah
- **Choapa** – Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah
- **Limari** - Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah
- **Elqui** - Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah

The terrain in these regions range from mountains (the highest mountain in the Americas is Mt. Aconcaqua at 22,828 feet) in the north to almost desert like areas in the south. Chile is a narrow country on the west coast of South America. The warm days and cool nights are very similar to the wine growing regions of California. The great thing about the wine from Chile is the value. The price is relatively low for excellent quality wine. Expect to spend between 10 and 20 dollars for a very good bottle that you would want to share with your friends. So, enjoy a nice bottle of Chilean wine (white or red) and know that you are enjoying a fantastic value!
Cheers,

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