

# FOOD & WINE

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## Chilean Sauvignon Blanc Is the Most Interesting Wine of the Year

Chilean wine is undergoing a fascinating transformation. Here are 11 of the country's Sauvignon Blancs to try right now.

### VERAMONTE

#### 2019 Veramonte Organic Sauvignon Blanc:

From the Casablanca Valley's pioneering estate, Sofia Araya's everyday Sauvignon Blanc starts off with an herbaceous nose and finishes with a snappy—but not too sharp—acidity. In between, it goes down nice and easy. It's a juicy bargain for a summer brunch. (\$12)



### RITUAL

**2018 Ritual Sauvignon Blanc:** “We wanted to express different things besides aromatics and acid, so we started picking later and focusing on mouthfeel because that’s hard to achieve here,” says Sofia Araya of this lush Sauvignon Blanc from normally racy Casablanca. A portion of whole-cluster, concrete-egg fermentation, plus lees stirring on the fruit days of the biodynamic calendar, helps achieve the desired result. The touch of oak from some barrel fermenting almost evokes Chardonnay. The wine resolves, however, in the citrusy bittersweetness you expect from Sauvignon Blanc. (\$17)

