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What to Drink Now: Chilean Pinot Noir

The best wine from Chile may not be what you expect.

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When considering Chilean wine, robust Bordeaux varieties or signature grape, Carmenera, may come to mind as these have been the main exports for decades. Cool climate Pinot Noir may not be considered. However, Chile has emerged as a

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"I visited Chile recently, traveling as a guest of wineries delivering this style, including Veramonte and Undurraga, each noting that these wines are quite intentionally incomparable to anything else in the world. From Chile's northern regions, including Casablanca and Leyda, San Antonio, they are expressive and elegant, fresh and exotic, and, most importantly, delicious."

natural geographic barriers, including the northern Atacama Desert, the Andes Mountains, and the Pacific Ocean help maintain
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"...the wines are delicious and the dedication is inspiring."

was working with Benziger's organic and biodynamic wines, back to his Chilean homeland to Casablanca's Veramonte in 2012. Upon arrival, he began transforming the estate to organic farming. In 2017 the winery achieved this certification. The certification also came as the highly-regarded Spanish wine & spirits company, Gonzales Byass, acquired a majority stake in Veramonte from founder, Chilean-born entrepreneur, Agustin Huneeus Sr. (also the owner of Napa's Quintessa).

VERAMONTE

RITUAL



Veramonte's Ritual Pinot Noir (\$25) is crafted from the best barrels of specific vine blocks located in the coolest sections of the Casablanca vineyard estate. The wine is vibrantly fresh, with wild strawberry, cherry, mint and thyme notes with a luscious palate.

