

the drunken cyclist



I have three passions: wine, cycling, travel, family, and math.



The Random Samples—6/11/2020

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It is time for another edition of “Random Samples”—I occasionally get samples from marketing agencies and/or producers, and these can often be grouped together into some sort of over-arching theme...Other times, I get just a bottle or two that do not have any apparent connection or link. Instead of holding on to those bottles until the “right” combination comes along, I decided to link all these “random” bottles together, making their own category (and, being the math geek that I am, “random sample” has a bit of a double entendre.

VERAMONTE

2018 VERAMONTE CARMÉNÈRE *Colchagua Valley, Chile*

Very Good. 87-89 Points.

Originally from the Médoc in Bordeaux, but today it is difficult to find much Carménère outside of Chile where it was introduced about 150 years ago—but the Chileans thought it to be Merlot! Oh well, Carménère is thriving there now. Dark in the glass with oodles of red fruit and a heavy dose of black pepper. The palate is fruity, big, bold, and again, quite peppery. One could do a whole lot worse for \$11.

Retail \$11. 100% Carménère.

