TOP 10 CHILEAN FINE WINES

7th September, 2012 by Rupert Millar

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10. von Siebenthal, Toknar

Mauro von Siebenthal; Photo credit FVR Magazine

The first wine on this list is a product of Swiss-born Mauro von Siebenthal, who swapped the Alps for the Andes in 1998.

The winery's website describes the philosophy as being that of a Bordeaux château where: "vineyards, cellar and house blend together harmoniously."

The terroir in question is the area of Panquehue in the Aconcagua Valley and each site has been selected for its suitability for Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Carmenere and Petit Verdot.

With only 25 hectares, it is one of the smaller "boutique" wineries on this list.

"Toknar" is a 100% Petit Verdot and its 2006 was awarded 95 points by *WA* back in 2009, when it was predicted it would mature happily over the next eight to 10 years.

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Callec Christian says:
September 7, 2012 at 4:54 pm

Nice article, … but I strangely miss THE rising star from Chile, VIÑA VIK at Millahue… Already one of the very best Chilean wines I ever tasted in 5 years…

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Michael Cox says:
September 8, 2012 at 10:52 am

In response to Christian Callec – I have heard much praise for Vina Vik and I can't wait to visit the winery, however, one principal reason why this wine may not have been included in this line up is that the wine has yet to arrive in UK. I am sure it will receive acclaim when it does.

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Dermot Nolan MW says:
September 8, 2012 at 6:06 pm

I have visited Vik (even getting an early morning earthquake as an alarm call!) and at the time, they were only putting blends together. However, the wines showed promise. Surprised no mention of Altair, which I find to be extremely good and with more elegance than power. Still, about time people realised that there are truly world-class wines in Chile and that Australia has to watch its back. I have been impressed by the professionalism and open-minded approach of the Chilean wine industry and feel that too many view their wines as "fruit bombs" rather than as classy wines showing their origin. If I were to criticise the Chileans it would be (sacrilege of sacrileges) for not charging enough!

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Alex Hunt says:
September 11, 2012 at 11:45 am

Wot, no Clos Apalta? Wine Spectator gave 2005 vintage 96/100 and #1 slot in Top 100 wines of the year, for starters….

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Nguyen Phu says:
October 8, 2013 at 4:08 pm

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