



The Andes mountains stretch from Venezuela to the near-antarctic reaches of Chile, forming a continuous barrier that divides the wet Pacific influence from the arid continental climate of the east. Wine regions in Chile and Argentina share this backbone, but each are defined by unique climate and historical influences, developing fantastic chapters in the South American wine story. The wines chosen for September's kit lean into the iconic styles and varietals of their respective regions. iSalud!



Colectivo Mutante PX#1

colectivo mutante - diego edwards & cedric nicolle

Vintage: 2021

Location: Limari Valley, Chile

Style: White

Grapes: Pedro Ximénez

Better known as the grape distilled for production of Pisco in Chile, Pedro Ximénez originates from the Andalusia region of Spain and was carried to Chile by Spanish conquistadors and missionaries. Often it is dismissed as bulk stock, but the winemakers at Colectivo Mutante saw promise. Working with growers in the arid Limari Valley, Edwards and Nicolle set aside a small parcel to create a still, fully vinified PX wine, popping with various levels of tropical and orchard fruit flavor, plumped with nutty texture and mineral undertones.



Omaggio Pét-Nat stella crinita - joanna foster & ernesto catena

Vintage: 2022

Location: Vista Flores, Argentina Ancestral Method Red

Grapes: Cabernet Franc

Stella Crinita is a biodynamic estate born from a union of social activism and a long family lineage of traditional Chilean winemaking. Anchored in Mendoza, Argentina's largest growing region, these grapes come from an arid subregion nestled along the edge of the Andes. The high elevation offers increased UV exposure to produce a compelling example of French-born Cabernet Franc: alluringly complex spice, graphite, and floral aromas that ride high into the juicy and fruity palate with refreshing acidity and fizzy punctuation.



Vinista País

Vintage: 2020

Location: Itata Valley, Chile

Style: Red

Grapes: País (aka Mission, Criolla, Listán Prieto)

When it comes to dirt, nobody can get down like Chilean-born geologist and winemaker Pedro Parra. After moving to France to pursue music, Parra fell in love with wine and the terroir that gives each place its unique expression. He traveled the world honing his craft before returning home to find the best soils to showcase true Chilean character. And what better way to experience this than with País - the light-bodied red grape that originated in the Canary Islands but has grown wild in Chile for centuries. This wine can take a light chill and will show its best with time to open up.



G. Reserve Malbec

gauchezco - eric anesi

Vintage: 2019

Location: Maipú, Argentina

Style: Red Grapes: Malbec

Named to honor the free spirit of the famed gaucho of the high Argentinian range, the wine is a true representation of the grape that has become synonymous with its adopted country (Malbec got its start in France!). Chosen from some of Uco Valley's most esteemed vineyards, the juice is vinified with a classic application of French and American oak barrels and ages for a total of 14 months before release. Give this wine plenty of time to open up and you will be rewarded with an elegant example of Malbec's juicy nature, balanced with smooth tannins and a long finish.