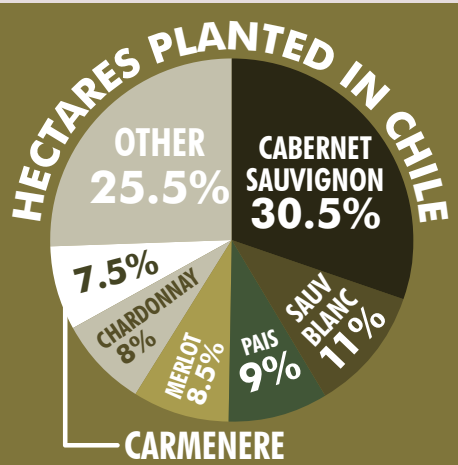


CARMENERE

THE LOST GRAPE OF BORDEAUX

- Carmenerre was widely planted in Bordeaux until Phylloxera wiped out French viticulture in the mid-1800's. Luckily, Carmenerre vines were brought to Chile before Phylloxera.
- Due to similar leaf and cluster shape, Chileans mistook Carmenerre for Merlot... until 1994!

PRONOUNCE IT LIKE THIS:
CAR-MEN-AIR



BY THE NUMBERS

1 of 6

CARMENERE IS ONE OF SIX ORIGINAL BORDEAUX VARIETALS

1851

YEAR CARMENERE WAS BROUGHT TO CHILE FROM FRANCE

23

YEARS SINCE CARMENERE WAS REDISCOVERED

6TH

LARGEST PRODUCED VARIETAL BY VOLUME IN CHILE

x3

CARMENERE VINES IN CHILE HAVE TRIPLED SINCE 2000 (DUE TO DISCOVERY OF MISMARKED VINEYARDS AND NEW PLANTINGS)

10,860

NUMBER OF HECTARES OF CARMENERE IN CHILE (THAT'S 26,836 ACRES)

PICKING THE PERFECT CARMENERE

under ripe

ripe

over ripe



green pepper
celery
herbaceous flavors



red & black berries
peppercorn
mocha
roasted pepper



jammy - pruney
charcoal
flabby mouth feel



FAST FACTS ON CHILE'S SIGNATURE GRAPE

1

"Carmenerre" comes from the French word for crimson, "carmin," due to the fiery color the leaves turn in fall.

2

Chile's long, dry harvest season is the perfect climate for Carmenerre to fully mature.

3

Carmenerre is slow-ripening and is the last grape harvested - into May and June in many valleys.

CARMENERE VS. MERLOT

UNDERSIDE HUE



Young Carmenerre leaves have a red hue. Merlot's underside is white.

HARVEST TIME



Carmenerre is harvested up to three weeks after Merlot.

LEAF LOBES



Lobes of a Carmenerre leaf overlap at the stem. Merlot leaves do not.

FALL COLOR



Carmenerre leaves turn fiery red in fall. Merlot leaves turn yellow.



Casa Silva

CHILE'S LEADING CARMENERE EXPERTS



Casa Silva leads the most in-depth R&D on Carmeneré in Chile. They have created a 'clone garden' of Carmeneré cuttings to test differences in profiles and genetics in their Los Lingues vineyard.

The Silva family was the first to pioneer the Los Lingues region of Colchagua, now considered one of the best terroirs in Chile, located in the eastern piedmont of the Colchagua Andes.



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