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# TANNERS

WINE MERCHANTS



Chickens roaming free at Viña Sutil (the source of our Cucao wines)

## Chilean Reds

### *Mixed Half Dozen*

#### INTRODUCTION

For many, Chile has become the byword for safe, boring plonk but we think it's time to look again! To many people's surprise Chile has plenty of interesting sites in different valleys which can all generate unique terroir, thereby giving a wine individuality.

Let's start with the region closest to Santiago, that of Maipo. One of the first valleys to be planted with red varieties, it has become a major source of great, cool-climate Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with free-draining, gravelly soils, not that dissimilar to the Médoc in Bordeaux. First up is the staple Chilean Merlot, where it's worth putting the Santa Ema Select Terroir Merlot up against any good value

AOC Bordeaux or Bordeaux Supérieur for comparison. Friendly, warm and round, you'll find it copes well with the competition as does the Tanners Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon which comes out of the Colchagua Valley, the next valley to the South. Our own label is fantastic everyday drinking with smooth, round flavours of blackcurrants held together by soft, ripe tannins. And while you think of comparisons, a word on Carmenère, an old Bordeaux variety that Chile has taken to its heart. Originally mistaken for Merlot, there's a leafy freshness that you'll find in those made in cooler locations, like the Cucao Reserva Especial Carmenère.

## THE WINES

1. Santa Ema 'Select Terroir' Merlot Reserva, Maipo

Bin No: QR071

Black and red fruits, very juicy with good raspberry freshness. Silky, well balanced and positive on the finish.

2. Tanners Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon, Colchagua Valley

Bin No: QR088

A textbook Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon with excellent crunchy blackcurrant fruit, soft tannins and really good length.

3. Cucao 'CA Reserva Especial' Carmenère, Valle Central


Bin No: QR009

It has taken a while, but Chilean winemakers now understand this old Bordeaux grape variety: late picking and slightly cooler slopes are key, and the result is a rich, curranty wine with depth and length.

## Ordering from Tanners

For up-to-date pricing and additional wine information, please visit our website and type the Bin No. of the wine you're interested in, into the search box.


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We look forward to hearing from you.

Tanners Sales Team

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