



# **Wine Menu**

## **Chile & Argentina**

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## Chilean

Grapes are planted over a 700 mile stretch in Chile, but the primary growing region is a fertile basin known as the Central Valley which is located just south of capital city Santiago. The Central Valley is made of four main sub regions: the Maipo, Rapel, Curico and Maule Valleys. Grape quality has risen dramatically over recent years thanks to foreign investment and the efforts of dynamic winemakers/grape-growers like Ignacio Recabarren from Conch Y Toro.

### Varietal Reds

**Merlot-** Powerful fruit and spice flavor with mellow tannins for a velvet finish. Will develop quicker than the Cabernet and will stand up to the same food pairings.

**Cabernet Sauvignon-** Just as big and bold in Chile as in other regions of the world! Produces a wine that is rich in color, intensely flavored, and tannic with hints of mint, blackberry, and black currant.

**Syrah-** Also known as "Shiraz" in Australia, this grape will produce a dark, rich, full-bodied wine with a chocolate aroma. Chile has come a long way in growing high quality grapes in this varietal. If you love syrah, this is a great choice; the flavor characteristics in the "Chilean Version" are more bold and pronounced.

**Malbec-** Produces a dark, dusky, full-bodied, and tannic red with intense flavor. Grapes come from low-yielding, old-vines. Chew on this wine for a while, then chew on some steak!

**Carmenere-** It is believed that Carmenere has been grown in Chile for more than 100 years, but was initially mistaken for Merlot. As the Chileans started to gain a reputation as a producer of great Merlot with more color and intensity than that of other nearby regions, they believed it was a factor relating to their climate. It wasn't until the early 1990's, when ampelographers (people who identify vine species) looked closely at the vines that were growing and realized that there were in fact two distinct grape varietals. They were identified as Merlot AND Carmenere.

**Cabernet Franc-** This grape will yield an early maturing wine with a deep purple color.

### Varietal Whites

**Sauvignon Blanc-** Extremely versatile grape, which can be vinified in a number of styles. Produces a wine with a citrus, gooseberry flavor and a herbaceous aroma.

**Chardonnay-** One of the world's great wine grapes. Produces wines that can be described as buttery, creamy, nutty and smoky.

**Pinot Grigio/Pinto Gris.** Italian style white wine. Produces a crisp, light, dry wine.

### Our Specialty Blends

**.Merlot/Carmenere Blend** -Made with Merlot and Carmenere. All the great things we love about Merlot with a bit more sophistication and an added depth of flavor and color. The addition of the Carmenere makes it a "Chilean Classic".

**Cabernet Sauvignon/Carmenere Blend-** The blending of Cabernet Sauvignon with Carmenere makes for an intense wine with plenty of "backbone". This is a good solid wine for the Cab-Lover. The Carmenere really adds a "Chilean Style" to the wine.

**Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot-** The classic blending of Cabernet and Merlot, produces a bold wine with lots of tannic structure, yet has the smoothness and complexity that the Merlot "brings to the table".

**Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon-** "Everybody's Wine" with a blend of Merlot and Cabernet. This wine will have a young approachability that comes with Merlot and still will have a bit of "something else" going on.

**Syrah/Malbec-** Syrah and Malbec. The Malbec adds musky, earthy tones to an already spicy Syrah.

**Syrah/Cabernet Sauvignon-** Made by blending Syrah with Cabernet Sauvignon. The Cabernet "grounds" the sometimes-wild nature of the Syrah.

**Syrah/Merlot-** Made by blending Syrah with Merlot. This is an excellent wine for the Syrah and the Merlot fan alike. The Merlot really softens the wine while the Syrah adds that spice!

**Tre's Uvas-** Cabernet/Carmenere /Cab Franc

**Duelle** –Malbec/Merlot/Cab Franc

**Cabernet Franc/Cabernet**

**Cabernet/Syrah/Merlot/Malbec**

**Super Tuscan-** Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot

**Chilean Bordeaux Blend** – Cabernet/Merlot/Cabernet Franc/Malbec

## Argentina

Introduced to Argentina by French agricultural engineer Michel Pouget in 1868, Malbec is widely planted in Argentina producing a softer, less tannic driven variety than the wines of Cahors. The best examples of these wines come from the Argentine region of Mendoza. In Argentina, where Malbec seems to have found a natural home, the grape is used to produce very popular varietal wines. It is now thought that the variety known as **Fer** in that country is a clone. Although the grape is currently Argentina's premier grape, wine makers tried to remove it from the vineyard. In the 1980s Argentina a "vine pull" program was initiated until there were only 10,000 acres (40 km<sup>2</sup>) of the grape left. In the 1990s, Malbec's potential and the increase of wine exports from South America saved the grape

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**Super Tuscan-** Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot

**Argentina Bordeaux Blend –** Cabernet/Merlot/Malbec