



## **CHILE ENJOYS A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR AT THE 2022 DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS**

*Chile recorded its best-ever year for Gold medals at Decanter World Wine Awards*

7 June: Full results from the Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 have been released today (7 June), and Chile achieved two coveted Best in Show medals in addition to five Platinum wins and an impressive 22 Gold medals, marking its best result to date in the category.

Now in its 19th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest and most influential wine competition, with unrivaled global reach. Judged by top wine experts from around the globe, DWWA is trusted internationally for its rigorous judging process.

As part of this process almost 250 expert judges, including 41 Masters of Wine and 13 Master Sommeliers, evaluated 18,244 wines from 54 countries at DWWA 2022, making it a record year for wines tasted.

Chile saw outstanding results, achieving a total of 395 medals overall. Its two Best in Show medals represent the best results for the country in five years. These were awarded to **Viña Tarapacá's Gran Reserva Etiqueta Azul 2020 from Maipó Valley** and a Value Best in Show (under £14.99) to **Bisquertt's Crazy Rows Carignan 2020 from Maule**.

The judges commented: "One of the most encouraging qualities of those Chilean wines which made it through to Gold and Platinum this year, our judges felt, was a new aromatic complexity and a much finer understanding of aromatic maturity in the vineyard than in the past."

Of the country's five Platinum medals, three were awarded to value wines, solidifying the outstanding quality for money to be found in Chile. All under £14.99, **Longaví's Glup Cinsault 2021 from Itata Valley** packs a punch, awarded a Value Platinum medal and 97 points at less than £9.99 retail.



The 22 Gold medal haul represents the best year to date for Chile for Gold medals awarded. This comprises of 18 reds and four whites, five to Value Golds including two under £9.99: **Co-op, Irresistible Carménère, Maipó Valley 2021** and **Morandé, Terroir Wines Cinsault-País, Maule 2020.**

On the importance of value wines and judging by price band, alongside country, region, colour, grape variety, style and vintage, Decanter World Wine Awards Co-Chair Andrew Jefford, comments:

“Price is very critical to everybody’s buying decisions. I’m always buying the best wine I can get for the price. So having that price band enables consumers to calibrate what they can actually get ahold of to their own budget - I think that’s what people are really looking for.”

Co-Chair Sarah Jane Evans MW adds: “The Decanter World Wine Awards is something really special. We pay huge attention to the wines we have. Each one we approach like one of the family in the sense that we really care for it, study it and then rate it as it is now. You know that what you’re doing is having a big discussion about who’s going to enjoy it later.”

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### **Note to editors**

Chile was awarded a total of 395 medals, with 2 Best in Show, 5 Platinum, 22 Gold, 87 Silver and 279 Bronze.

The following wines won Chile's Best in Show medals:

- Bisquertt, Crazy Rows Carignan, Maule 2020
- Viña Tarapacá, Gran Reserva Etiqueta Azul, Maipó Valley 2020

### **About DWWA**

Launched in 2004 and now in its 19th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world's largest and most influential wine competition.

Decanter - the world's leading wine media brand - has a trusted relationship with an international audience of both consumers and trade that sets DWWA apart from other competitions. Sustainability is a key focus for the DWWA team. All plastic and cardboard is collected and recycled, while every bottle is crushed and remelted, ready to be remade into usable glass within 30 days. All leftover wine is also collected, recycled and sold back into the national grid as gas.

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