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A world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, Viñedo Chadwick 2022 expresses Puente Alto's noble terroir with remarkable finesse, purity, and aging potential.

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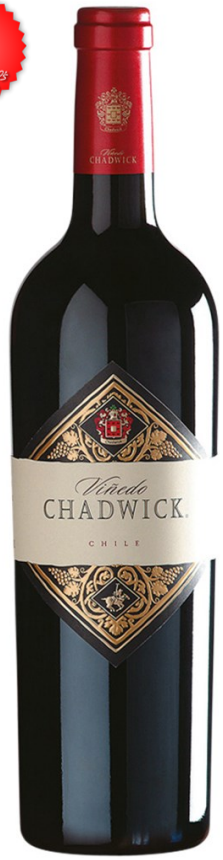

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Chadwick 2022

Maipo, Chile

Region and Vineyards

Viñedo Chadwick is located in **Puente Alto D.O., Maipo Valley**, widely recognised as Chile's most prestigious terroir for Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard sits at **650 metres above sea level**, along the northern bank of the Maipo River at the foothills of the Andes. This altitude provides significant **diurnal variation**, with crisp Andean breezes cooling the vines at night and moderating daytime temperatures.

The vineyard covers **15 hectares**, of which **13.6 ha are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon** and **1.4 ha with Petit Verdot**. Vines average **28 years of age**, with a planting density of 4,166 plants per hectare. The soils are composed of a **clay-loam top layer (50-80 cm)** above a deep **alluvial gravel base**, providing excellent drainage and low fertility, which naturally restrict vigour and enhance concentration. This terroir consistently yields grapes of **intensity, freshness, and balance**.

Winemaking

The 2022 vintage was marked by **cooler and drier conditions than average**, with a long ripening period. Harvest took place between **March 20 and April 5**, approximately a week later than usual, allowing slow maturation and preservation of acidity. The crop averaged **4.5 tons per hectare**, producing small, concentrated berries of outstanding quality.

The final blend consists of **96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot**. Fermentation was conducted with precision to preserve aromatic intensity and textural finesse. The wine was aged for **18 months in French oak (90% new, 10% in foudres)**, a regimen that integrates oak complexity while respecting fruit purity. Bottled in December 2023, it is slated for release in September 2024.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, bright cherry red with youthful vibrancy.
- **Aroma:** Highly perfumed, showing violets, blackberries, black cherries, raspberries, along with subtle layers of white pepper, dill, nutmeg, and tobacco.
- **Palate:** Fresh and juicy with fine-grained chalky tannins, elegant structure, and a long, mineral-driven finish. Perfect balance between **succulent fruit and refined length**.

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Did you know?

Viñedo Chadwick is planted on the former polo field of Don Alfonso Chadwick, one of Chile's greatest polo players and wine visionaries. In 2004, **the Berlin Tasting** placed Viñedo Chadwick 2000 above Bordeaux First Growths and Super Tuscans, marking a historic milestone that established **Puente Alto D.O. as a world-class appellation**. Several vintages, including 2014, 2017, and 2021, have achieved **perfect 100-point scores**, solidifying its place among the world's elite wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with black peppercorn sauce** - The wine's structure and peppery notes elevate rich, charred meats.
- **Duck breast with blackberry reduction** - Complements the wine's dark fruit and floral aromatics.
- **Lamb rack with rosemary and garlic** - Herbaceous elements resonate with the wine's savoury complexity.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano or Comté** - Hard cheeses accentuate tannic structure and length.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2022)

The 2022 Viñedo Chadwick is equal parts composed and commanding, entering with an aromatic intensity that stays under the surface but holds excellent energy and power. The nose is darkly fruited, herbal and wonderfully gravel-laden and toasted, displaying pitch-perfect harmony between all elements. The texture is sumptuous yet graceful, displaying fantastic poise and clarity through its classically structured framing and balance. The finish calls back the nose's multidimensionality, simultaneously achieving a flashy, rugged persistence housed in an exquisite, understated and nuanced package. This is a real work of art that should deliver immense pleasure for two decades. It's a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot, aged for 18 months in predominantly barrique with a small portion of foudre.