

Aconcagua Valley Brut NV

Aconcagua Valley, Chile



Grape Varieties	70% Pinot Noir 30% Chardonnay
Winemaker	Aurelio Montes
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	7.7g/L
Acidity	7.2g/L
Wine pH	3.14
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Montes was established in 1988 by Aurelio Montes, Douglas Murray, Alfredo Vidaurre and Pedro Grand, with the aim of producing the best wines in Chile from the best regions. The Montes Alpha Cabernet Sauvignon, first produced in 1987, broke the mould for premium wines in Chile. Since then, Alpha has developed to become the core range in the Montes portfolio. The grapes and sites are carefully selected in order to ensure varietal integrity and complexity. Viticulture is hands on rather than mechanical or industrial.

VINEYARDS

The Zapallar vineyard, where grapes for Montes Brut are grown, is located on the coast 180 kilometres northwest of Santiago, with a pronounced maritime influence. Cold breezes from the Pacific Ocean create ideal temperatures for cultivating grapes of character and elegance. The relative proximity of the Andes Mountains influences night-time temperatures, which are even lower than in other coastal zones. The relative humidity is high throughout the season, and annual rainfall is 340-380 mm. The average high temperature is 25°C and the average low is 12°C. Regular morning fogs disappear with the midday sun, with afternoon winds helping control growth and develop concentration in the grapes.

VINIFICATION

The base wine for the Brut was made with whole cluster pressing, clarification and cold fermentation at 10-12°C. No oak was used, and malolactic fermentation was prevented. Montes Brut was created using the traditional method, spending 36 months ageing on lees before disgorgement.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is bright straw-yellow in colour with a slightly golden tone. On the nose white flowers, fresh fruits and breadcrumbs combine with a subtle hazelnut aroma. The palate is well balanced with good acidity and a fine, crisp mousse. It is silky on the mid-palate with a fresh, fruity and persistent finish.