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**'Chile - an Island Nation?' With Abbie Bennington Dip WSET**

### **WHITE WINES**

#### **Errazuriz Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2020 Casablanca Valley**

The single vineyard blend is sourced from a specific block at La Escultura Estate, which was planted in 1992. Freshly cut grass aromas complement those of green apple and pineapple, crisp acidity lends freshness to the intense and invigorating palate. The finish is dry and refreshing. Serve chilled with Cebiche and steamed fish.

#### **Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandra Chardonnay 2019 Casablanca Valley**

Taste a charming Chardonnay from one of Chile's finest wineries. It's a meeting of New World fruit and distinctly Old World techniques – and not to be missed. Expect a rounded texture and notes of sweet spice and tropical fruit. Partner with pan-fried white fish and a squeeze of lemon.

#### **J Bouchon 'Block Series' Semillon 2019 Maule Valley**

The Bouchon Block Series is dedicated to expressing the unique character of a place. This Semillon comes from two select plots in one of the Maule Valley's coolest spots. The 80-year-old vines here are cooled by Pacific Ocean breezes, giving the wine a distinct freshness. Expect aromas of ripe lemon and orange peel, with a silky texture and crisp finish. Serve with pork chops and fennel.

### **Red Wines**

#### **Pais Valle De Tata 2019 Itata Valley**

An enchanting grape found in the cool Itata Valley - Chile's oldest wine region. País, pronounced pie-ees, is a red wine grape with a prominent history in the Chilean wine industry. País is appreciated for its fresh, charming and easy-drinking reds, reviving its long heritage. Try it with traditional Chilean dishes such as 'Lentejas' lentil and sausage stew or 'Charquicán' slow-cooked beef stew with squash and potatoes.

#### **Santa Rita Medalla Red Carmeniere 2019 Colchagua Valley**

Carménère may be Chile's flagship red grape. But did you know that its history stretches back to Bordeaux? This fantastically structured Gran Reserva, is styled like a classic Bordeaux. It's a plush, velvety-smooth wine, packed with intense flavours of blueberry, plum and cassis. The firm tannins make it ideal with red meat.

#### **Milla Cala 2018 Cachapoal Valley**

In 2004, Alex and Carrie Vik set out with the ambition to make one of the world's best wines, and today they produce some of the finest reds in Chile. This wine has lush flavours of strawberry, plum, vanilla and coffee. Decant for an hour before serving at 16 degrees with roast lamb or cellar for up to a decade.

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