

Descorchados 2025

Superb scores for Alandes

Continuing our 2025 award announcements, we are delighted to bring you an impressive set of new Descorchados scores for Alandes.



Alandes Paradoux Blanc de Blancs (8th edition)

95 points

“Take a look at the honeyed flavors and aromas that reveal the presence of semillon in this blend, which also includes sauvignon blanc. It has strength in the mouth, intense acidity, and a generous body, almost like a red wine. That is the direction it is taking—a white with the morale of a red wine to accompany grilled sweetbreads. This is a blend of two-thirds semillon from La Consulta and one-third sauvignon blanc from Los Chacayes, all in a solerasystem where several vintages are completed and bottled year after year.”



Alandes Paradoux Red Blend (9th edition)

95 points

“Alandes ("along the Andes") seeks to offer Karim Mussi's view of the mountain wines that come from the foothills of the Andes in the Uco Valley. This blend contains malbec, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot, and cabernet sauvignon from three places in Uco: La Consulta, Los Chacayes, and Gualtallary. And it comes from three different vintages, all blind tasted to make the final blend. This is a big and imposing wine, not only in terms of ripeness, but also in terms of tannin structure. It is a red wine for aging, so wait at least five years.”



Alandes Gran Cabernet Franc 2022

94 points

“This is a blend of vineyards in Los Chacayes and La Consulta, aged 18 months in barrels and 100% cabernet franc. The herbal side is very pronounced, rich in tones of ripe red and black fruits, the texture is firm, made of powerful rough tannins, with hard bones for aging. The ripe flavors take center stage—they are succulent, enveloping, and fill the mouth with that sweet sensation. This is a red wine designed to be cellared, so be patient, there is wine here for a while.”



Alandes Concrete Tank 2024

92 points

“With 42% malbec, 29% tempranillo, and the rest cabernet sauvignon, without aging in oak. The idea here is that the Reserva or Gran Reserva category be given by the grape, more than the aging. This is a selection of grapes from vineyards in different areas of the Uco Valley that produce a wine with a lot of fruit expression, tense tannins, where the cabernet has a lot to say. A floral finish that provides freshness, in a blend for charcuterie.”

Alandes, (word combination of "Wines from Along the Andes") is one of Karim Mussi's projects, who along with his partners, found a beautiful old winery, to develop new brands and styles without the restrictions of producing wines from grapes of/from a single terroir. Every label of Alandes is driven by an individual concept, that represents absolute freedom, a "Laize Faire" winemaking philosophy that is spread in an extensive territory without boundaries.