

Falernia Awards 2024



Donna Maria Syrah 2018	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2024	Gold Medal - Special Award		Notes: Special Award - Best Pairing Wine for Japanese Cuisine "SUKIYAKI"
Carmenere Reserva Pedriscal Single Vineyard 2019	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2024	Gold Medal		
Falernia Chardonnay Gran Reserva 2021	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2024	Silver Medal		
Falernia Pinot Noir Gran Reserva 2019	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2024	Silver Medal		
Falernia Syrah Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2019	Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2024	Silver Medal		
Falernia Pinot Noir Valle del Elqui Gran Reserva Aaron Single Vineyard 2021	James Suckling - Mar 2024	91 Pts		Tasting notes: Savory dried orange rind, mossy cranberries, some dried earth and a touch of spearmint. Juicy, savory and firm on the palate with fine-grained tannins. Delicious and ready now.
Falernia Syrah Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2020	James Suckling - Febr 2024	92 Pts		Tasting notes: Savory cured meat, smoke, spiced cherries and asphalt on the nose, together with a touch of iron. Structured and tight on the palate with medium to full body and a long, zealous finish. Powerful, with a nice rustic edge. Better in one more year.
Falernia Chardonnay Gran Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2022	James Suckling - Febr 2024	92 Pts		Tasting notes: Intense, creamy nose showing plenty of fine lees, reminiscent of oatmeal/ kernels, and fresh sweetcorn, pastry, toast and spiced lemons. Quite flavorful, medium -to full-bodied palate, showing good intensity and a broad, creamy finish. Pretty long, too. Drink now.
Carmenere Reserva Pedriscal Single Vineyard 2021	James Suckling - Febr 2024	91 Pts		Tasting notes: A spicy carmenere with ripe, sweet berries, as well as vanilla and cocoa-bean notes. Medium to full body with tight, structured tannins and a long, creamy finish. Intense, obvious and flattering. Drink or hold.
Falernia Number One 2020	James Suckling - Febr 2024	90 Pts		Tasting notes: Nice evolution here, showing lots of savoriness. Tobacco leaf, bark and dried berries with truffle and cedar. Medium- to full-bodied with a touch of vanilla and more tertiary complexity. Cabernet sauvignon, syrah and carmenere. Drinking very well now, even though it might be a bit premature. Best now through 2027.
Antakari Carmenere Reserva 2023	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Or		Tasting Notes: Intense garnet red colour. The nose is expressive and intriguing for its aromatic variety, given by notes such as eucalyptus, mint and blackberries. A firm structure in the mouth with young and fresh tannins. Spicy aromas accompany the elegant finish.
Aldo Olivier Pedro Ximenez Chardonnay 2023	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	90 Pts - Double Or		Tasting Notes: Pale yellow colour with steely reflections. The nose is fruity and ripe, with notes of banana, citrus and a floral touch. On the palate this is a wine with an elegant texture and a fresh finish. The complex character continues through the glass.
Alta Tierra Pinot Noir Gran Reserva 2021	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	91 Pts - Double Or		Tasting Notes: Reddish colour with orange hints. Floral notes and wild fruits on the nose. In the mouth this wine has silky and fresh tannins; balanced with an exact acidity. The finish is long and dominated by elegant aromas of ageing alongside plum jam.
Alta Tierra Sauvignon Blanc Gran Reserva 2023	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Or		Tasting Notes: Pale yellow in colour. The nose expresses tropical and herbal identity, with notes of rue, peach and pineapple. The palate is warm with volume and a lively acidity. The finish is pleasant and long. This is an expressive wine ready to enjoy.
Falernia Syrah Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2020	Anthony Gismondi - June 2024	90 Pts		Tasting Notes: From Titon Vineyard, planted on stony soils in Elqui Valley 18 kilometres from the ocean at 350m elevation, this has a mineral undercurrent that's layered with dried blackberries, raspberries, herbs, and a litany of savoury spices. In contrast to the 2017 Gran Reserva Syrah, the fruit is much more restrained here, but with a rich, full bodied palate that is dense and mouthcoating, backed by polished, structured tannins that will allow this to continue to improve over the next 3-5 years. An impressive, distinctive wine of place.
Falernia Chardonnay Gran Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2023	Sommeliers Choice Awards - June 2024	92 Pts		Tasting notes: A well-structured Chardonnay with aromas of caramel apple, papaya, and vanilla bean, offering a round, full-bodied palate of ripe pear and a finish that delivers excellent value.
Falernia Syrah Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2020	Sommeliers Choice Awards - June 2024	90 Pts		Tasting notes: Aromas of cracked pepper, hickory smoke, and speck ham with a lean texture and brisk acidity, featuring eucalyptus and mint on the nose and palate, and a savory, peppery finish.
Falernia Pinot Noir Gran Reserva Aaron Single Vineyard 2021	Sommeliers Choice Awards - June 2024	89 Pts		Tasting notes: Pronounced flavors of cherry, strawberry, and rhubarb pie with a touch of vanilla and earthiness, offering floral and ripe berry aromas, ample acidity, and good extraction.
Falernia Carmenere Gran Reserva Pedriscal Single Vineyard 2020	Sommeliers Choice Awards - June 2024	81 Pts		Tasting notes: Great silky mouthfeel with smokey grilled black fruits, green coffee, fresh herbs, and a lighter side of carmenere, featuring burnt raspberry, dried herbs, and mint.
Falernia Number One Single Vineyard 2020	Sommeliers Choice Awards - June 2024	80 Pts		Tasting notes: Intense and full-bodied with jammy fruit flavors, complemented by oak spices like cocoa and coffee, featuring ripe red fruit, herbal notes, persistent acidity, and a rich, deep finish.
Falernia Carmenere Reserva Pedriscal Single Vineyard 2020	Decanter Wine Awards - June 2024	91 Pts		Tasting notes: Spicy, peppery inviting nose, then to a palate of damson, blueberry and balsamic. Classis Elqui.
Falernia Syrah Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2021	Decanter Wine Awards - June 2024	92 Pts		Tasting notes: Elegant and spiced, with a nose of black pepper and damson, while the palate is laced with smoky, red fruit.
Falernia Pedriscal Number One Cabernet Sauvignon-Carmenere-Syrah 2021	Decanter Wine Awards - June 2024	87 Pts		Tasting notes: Minty menthol, plum and dark red fruit aromas lead to a palate of black olive, black cherry and fine tannins.
Falernia Reserva Riesling 2023	Decanter Wine Awards - June 2024	88 Pts		Tasting notes: Aromatic nose of white nectarine, citrus and peach; palate of pineapple, stone fruit and a bright acidity.
Falernia Pinot Noir Gran Reserva Aaron Single Vineyard 2021	Korea Wine Challenge 2024	Silver		Tasting notes: This wine is a great example of Pinot Noir in an Old World Style, but made with New World fruit. The wine has a delicate aroma of black cherry, raspberry and strawberry, with well-integrated French oak. Medium bodied wine with elegant and silky tannins on the palate.
Falernia Syrah Reserva Titon Single Vineyard 2021	Korea Wine Challenge 2024	Bronze		Tasting notes: Complex nose of dark fruit, pepper and black olives. It is powerful, peppery and very elegant on the palate, with long and balanced finish.

Falernia Carmenere Reserva Pedriscal Single Vineyard 2021	Korea Wine Challenge 2024	Gold		Tasting notes: Brilliant dark red color; on the nose red fruit and elegant toasted vanilla notes; big cut on the palate but very balanced structure none the less, with very ripe tannins.
	Wine Align 2024 David Lawrason	88 Pts		Notes: This is a very generous, smooth and slightly sweet carmenere from a single vineyard in the high Elqui Valley. There is so much oak and smoke here that carmenere's detail is somewhat washed out. There is still some blackcurrant jam and roasted peppers, dill and spice however. It is full bodied, very smooth and quite rich, and sweet. The length is excellent to outstanding.
	Wine Align 2024 Megha Jandhyala, S.J.D	88 Pts		Notes: With notes of charred jalapeños and a generous dose of oak spice and mocha accompanying red plums and dark cherries, this is a flavourful carmenere. The palate is medium to full bodied and warm, with tart acids and fine tannins. A hint of meat and then liquorice and finally spice linger on the long finish.
	Wine Align 2024 Sara d'Amato	88 Pts		Notes: This spicy Eqlui Valley red features smoky cedar alongside, black currant compote on its rich and peppery palate. Concentrated and flavourful with notable volume and just-ripe tannins that contribute pleasant grip. Very good length. Ready to drink.
	Wine Align 2024 Elsa Mcdonald, MW	86 Pts		Notes: A lot of flavour packed into this wine. Dark fruit, touch of sweaty animal and Carmenere's herbaceous notes on the nose and palate. Thick, blackcurrant and blackberry notes. Thick oak. Touch of funk note.
Falernia Pedriscal Single Vineyard Carnenere Reserva 2020	Wine Align 2024	TOTAL 86 Pts		
	Wine Align 2024 John Szabo, MS	92 Pts		Notes: Here's an intense and characterful syrah from the Elqui Valley in the far north of Chile, one of the first vineyards to be planted in this relatively newly discovered terroir. The soils are more stones than dirt, resembling the mounds of large round pebbles found in the Southern Rhône. The nose is distinctively spicy and smoky, like scorched earth and black pepper, cold cream and fresh road tar, a real roasted expression that will be familiar to drinkers of, say, Côte-Rôtie and Hermitage. The palate is fullish, fleshy, creamy up front but turning more firm and structured on the long back end. I have to say, there's and extreme amount of character on offer, a highly distinctive offering at scarcely credible price, even if it's a polarizing style that won't appeal to everyone. But those to whom it does, will want to buy it by the case.
	Wine Align 2024 David Lawrason	91 Pts		Notes: From an Andean Valley in the most Northerly region of Chile (warmer) comes a remarkable syrah in a style i really enjoy. The nose is very lifted with all kinds of charcuterie, black pepper, warm licorice, black olive and slightly cooked cherry pie fruit. It is very smooth, intense and somewhat sweet (which may not appeal to all) but it works for me in this very generous context. It has excellent flavour intensity. Smooth texture, fine tannin. The length is excellent. Chill a bit.
	Wine Align 2024 Michael Godel	91 Pts		Notes: Feels like a cooler, fresher and therefore more restrained vintage from Chile's northerly Elqui Valley and so red fruit swells all the way trough this single vineyards expression. Still the heartbeat of iron in wine and the sanguine flow welling with minerals help to consistently define winemaker Giorgio Flessat's Reserva '19. Fleshes and enriches into the palate and with air. This really works. Drink 2024-2028.
	Wine Align 2024 Sara d'Amato	89 Pts		Notes: Extremem viticulture in the northermost wine region of Chile that meets the high Atacama desert is where this meaty syrah is planted. Features very good intensity and some warmth with notes of dried salumi, sundried tomato, blackberry, licorice ,and pink pepper. Cedary oak spice is a little dominant here but the wine is more complex than is typical at this price and has a stamp of place.
Falernia Titon Vineyard Syrah Reserva 2019	Wine Align 2024	TOTAL 91 Pts		
	Wine Align 2024 David Lawrason	89 Pts		Notes: Falernia's wines from the almost mystic Elqui Valley in northern Chile are always hedonistic - rich, creamy, boldy flavoured and powerful. So i don't know why they would want to go to pile on with appassimento technique, unless to totally subjugate carmenere's green tendency. Which works to a degree, as does the dose of smoky, charry oak. Fruit is jammy blackcurrant. There is some warmth here and some sweetness, amid all the gloss. Frankly, i really like this treatment in terms of deliciousness, while realizing its excess. The length is excellent.
	Wine Align 2024 John Szabo, MS	89 Pts		Notes: A smoky, smooth, black fruit flavoured carmenere from the northern Elqui Valley, made from 60% partially dried grapes in the italian appassimento style, with minimal wood influence (aged for about 6-8 months in American oak). Tannins are pretty much fully resolved, coated with plenty of fruit extract, and buffered by generous 14.5% alcohol declared. The texture and overall style will be widely appealing, smooth and velvety as it is good length and depth. Best now 2028
	Wine Align 2024 Megha Jandhyala, S.J.D	88 Pts		Notes: This is a distinctive, flavourful carmenere from te Elqui Valley. Intense notes of dried and charred herbs combine with flavours of ripe plums and dark berries here. The palate is full and warm, with plentifully fine-grained, ripe tannins, and tangy acids. The finish is long and warming, reminding me of dark cherry liqueur. Though this is not a wine of finesse, there is a lot of character here.
	Wine Align 2024 Michael Godel	86 Pts		Notes: Top of the aromatics pops as only the Elqui Valley is want to do when it expresses the roasted vegetables, lit tobacco and fruit molasses of carmenere. This brings sappy and cloying sweetness from wood to make this a most syrupy and stewed example. A bit over the top of the top for many palates it is dare said. Drink 2024-2025.
Falernia Carmenere Gran Reserva 2020	Wine Align 2024	TOTAL 88 Pts		