

MONTES **2015 Outer Limits Pinot Noir**

Tasting Notes

This elegant Pinot Noir is a bright, intense ruby-red in color. The nose is very aromatic with pronounced notes of red and black fruits, such as ripe cherries and blackcurrants and a seductive floral perfume recalling violets, all in good balance with mild toast from aging in French oak barrels. It is perfectly balanced on the palate with smooth, round tannins accompanied at all times by fresh fruit and an outstanding character that's very representative of the variety. Fresh, vibrant acidity unleashes a dizzying finish while maintaining its perfume with exceptional balance and clearly reflecting the benefits of the Zapallar terroir.

Technical Data

Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir
pH: 3.36
Acidity: 3.97 g/L
Residual Sugar: 2.40 g/L
Alcohol: 13.5%
Region: Colchagua Valley

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Rated 93, James Suckling, May 29, 2017

"Aromas of soil and clay with dried berry and hints of pine needle. Light stem. Full body, tangy and fresh with lovely tangy acidity and a flavorful finish. Drink now."

Available through Vintages +568600

Rated 91, David Lawrason, WineAlign, June 14, 2018

"Montes is based in Colchagua but this pinot comes from much father north where the Aconcagua Valley meets the Pacific Ocean, in a new sub-region called Zapallar. It has a lovely nose of cran-raspberry, fine evergreen, cinnamon and light oak toast. It is mid-weight, smooth and appealing with very fine tannin. Very drinkable and stays just north of some sweetness. The length is very good."

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Rated 91, Michael Godel, WineAlign, June 13, 2018

"From beyond the normal limits, "at some point we decided that we needed to explore, valleys, varieties and styles," says Aurelio Montes. Not quite the same as the south's forgotten vineyards of carignan and cinsault but still out there, from the Zapallar Vineyard close to the Pacific Ocean. Here pinot noir with lift, energy, ripeness and drive. Some coarse edging as expected but plenty of happiness and joy. Drink 2018-2021."

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Rated 90, Tony Aspler, Vintage Assessments, June 23, 2018

"Raspberry and red plum nose with a cedary note; medium-bodied, dry, elegant, juicy raspberry flavour; beautifully balanced."

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Rated 90, Luis Gutierrez, Wine Advocate, April 28, 2017

"Zapallar, in Aconcagua, has now a separate D.O. (Denominación de Origen), which is the source for the 2015 Outer Limits Pinot Noir. It has a textbook nose of sour cherries and spices with an earthy touch. The palate is medium-bodied, with a dusty fine tannins and a sapid finish. Very consistent across vintages."

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Rated 88.5 & Explorers Selection, Michael Vaughan, Vintage Assessments, June 23, 2018

"Medium deep purple colour. Very spicy, cedary, stewed crancherry nose. Dry, medium bodied, spicy, intense, cedary, baked cherry-plum puree flavours with a mocha-chocolate-tinged, high acid finish."

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