

The Ideal Finesse
The New Vintage Wines of Chadwick

“2016 vintage produced the ideal wines with finesse and elegance that I pursue.” Told Eduardo Chadwick President of “Viña Errázuriz” with its flagship wine “Don Maximiano” and also President and owner of “Vinedo Chadwick” and “Vina Sena” which was established as the joint venture with late Robert Mondavi, all of them have been internationally acclaimed and known already as ultra-premium wines.

We asked him about characters of the 3 wines whose 2016 vintage were just released in September.

“2016 was the coolest year in last 10 years. So, it took longer for grapes to mature but they matured very well without any damages by rain. Don Maximiano is a Cabernet Sauvignon based wine and it reflects diverse terroir of Aconcagua Valley. It is fruity and intense while it presents pleasure of juiciness. Due to the cooler climate, power is more subtle and the balance between fruitiness and pleasantly fresh acidity is elegant.

Sena in the same Aconcagua Valley but only 40 km from the ocean is made of grapes by Biodynamic farming. Its 2015 vintage was awarded 100 points from James Suckling and 2016 got 99 points, and historic 97 points from Robert Parker, the highest score that Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate has ever awarded to any Chilean Red wine and consolidates Sena’s impressive track record of being chosen as the best red Chilean wine for its last four consecutive vintages. It has stronger impression of finesse and the taste should be welcomed by wine connoisseurs.

And “Vinedo Chadwick” expresses the top quality Cabernet Sauvignon of Maipo Valley. Grapes grown on the hillside estate on 650 – 700m asl where the soil with lots of small rocks has very good drainage, have pure fruites and silky tannins. In 2016, harvest was later but the slow maturing process produced precise taste with long finish and increased spiciness and complexity.”

As the 2016 was cooler, the longer growing season gave the grapes to express sophisticated fruitiness in more delicate style. As the result, the wines are made so delicate and elegant to the extent Mr. Chadwick calls “Ideal” and they present enjoyments of the deeper world of wine.