



## Almaule País 2021

Secano Interior – Cauquenes  
Single Ferment Series



*born of the spirit of collaboration*



- Alcohol: 12,5 % vol
- pH: 3,63
- Acidity: 4,28 g/l
- Residual sugar: 1,10 g/l
  
- 1 200 bottles filled

### In a nutshell

Almaule is born of the spirit of collaboration six wineries in the Maule to enhance the value of the oldest grape variety in Chile: País.

It is a tribute to the cultural richness, the history of traditional dry farming (no irrigation) and to the resilience of the traditional wine industry.

Aims:

- To bring the Chilean País to the Chilean table (where there is too much CocaCola and Cabernet!)
- To relive its identity and heritage
- To boost the economy of the various producers in the region.

### What you need to know

The Vineyard &  
Farming

- various farms in and around Puico Bajo & Alto
- Ancestral farming by hand and horse [originario]

<b>Winemaking:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Naturally fermented with native yeasts</li><li>- Conical fermenters - open top lagars</li><li>- Caps punched down by hand</li><li>- Fermented outside for cooler temp</li><li>- Pinch of sulfites after malolactic</li></ul>
<b>Elevage:</b>	Aged in neutral fudre over one winter
<b>Appellation:</b>	Secano Interior – Cauquenes
<b>Varietal:</b>	País
<b>Color:</b>	Light ruby
<b>Personality:</b>	Easy drinking glu glu
<b>How many lots?</b>	One in 2021
<b>Previous Bottlings</b>	No
<b>Ageability</b>	2021 vintage will age 2-3 years, but the wine is made to be drunk today upon release in 2022
<b>Best drinking</b>	House: 2021-2025

## The Vintage

Perhaps a little brighter than other years being picked in smaller bits just upon ripeness. A little more focused and fruitier. Made for food. Time in larger fudres gives the wine longer legs.

## House note

Darker [and more serious] than many País out there with proper complexity and depth, ripe flavors and round tannins without 'rusticity'. This is the character of the grape on granite soils made in small lots with focus.

## Hashtag

[#gwcpais](https://www.instagram.com/gwcpais)



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## Critics Notes

Vinous – Joaquín Hidalgo

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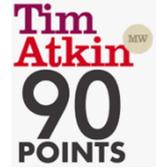
The 2021 País Almaule is intense purple in color with a nose of strawberry, sour cherry and black tea, this is a structured red with active, compact tannins reminiscent of Sicilian Nerello Mascalese. Drinking Window: 2022 – 2028.



Tim Atkin

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Derek Mossman describes this as a "wet bathing suit wine" and I think I know what he means. Sappy, grippy and appealingly austere, with tangy acidity, spicy tannins and plum and cranberry fruit flavours. 2023-27



### **Anecdotal narrative**

País - made in Chile since 1548 Just think about that: **1548**

Now, imagine such old vineyards [living patrimony] passed down over all this time — 20 human generations. Imagine them suffering from neglect. Not because they did not make wonderful wine but because of the exigencies of “modern business”. They are too small to fill a truck, too far away from a paved road. They cannot be worked with a tractor, nor picked by machine.”

Business exigencies and efficiencies aside -- we think good flavour is good business.