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This Chilean Valley Is a Red Wine Paradise

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If you prefer your wine inky, with bold berry and tobacco notes, then an exploration of Chile's Colchagua Valley could very well be your dream trip. Known for exclusively producing full-bodied red wine varietals like the country's famed carménère, this under-the-radar wine haven is emerging as a paradise for oenophiles everywhere.

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With roots dating back to 1890, Neyen's red wine production includes harvests sourced directly from the original carménère vines brought from Bordeaux. Such incredible lineage means deeply-rooted vines, leading Neyen's winemakers to eschew irrigation (the vines grow naturally until harvest). Blending past and present, Neyen's wines are rife with complex aromas of chocolate and honey. When you visit, enjoy a tasting of the winery's unique blend of carménère and cabernet sauvignon in their cellar, built in 1890—the oldest in the Apalta Valley.



Neyen Winery in Colchagua Valley
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Wine tasting at Neyen in Colchagua Valley
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