

BETTER THAN BORDEAUX?

Great Cabernet Sauvignon is not just about the Médoc. We asked five of our experts to champion their favourite region, select five top examples, and argue for it to be crowned king of New World Cabernet

Chile

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he winner is... Chile. Thus ran the headline after a blind tasting in Berlin in 2004 which put top Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon-

based reds up against some of the most renowned names from Bordeaux and Tuscany. The results were eye-opening: Chilean wines took first and second places, ahead of the likes of Châteaux Lafite, Margaux and Latour as well as Solaia and Sassicaia.

Up-and-coming areas like Maule are also starting to demonstrate real potential and complexity.

Erasmo, La Reserva de Caliboro, Maule 2001 ★★★★

Roasted peppers, steeped fruit and leather notes come together in a brooding, intense wine with complexity. 2007–11. £19.99;