

2004 Erasmo 91 Rating



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"Erasmo is owned and operated by Count Francesco Marone Cinzano, who also owns Col d'Orcia, an excellent producer of Brunello di Montalcino in Tuscany. The 2004 Reserva de Caliboro is composed of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and 10% Cabernet Franc. It was aged for 12 months in French oak and bottled unfiltered. It offers a fragrant perfume of cedar, vanilla, red currants, blackberry, and black currants. Elegantly styled, the wine is supple and forward but with a solid structure under the ripe flavors. It is already exhibiting good complexity and should evolve for several more years.

I also tasted the first three vintages of this wine (2001, 2002, and 2003) which were first-class. As the vines acquire some age, it seems likely that Erasmo will gain recognition as one of Chile's "icon" wines."