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Lost grape of Bordeaux discovered in Chile masquerading as a Merlot!

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Cheeky little pink.
 Unyielding, this late maturing beauty overflows with fresh citrus, piper, and aromas of passion fruit. Delish chilled with pheasant under glass or a really scrumptious burger.

Valle Central, Chile
 100% CARMENÈRE

AC 13.0% BY VOL. 750ml

Carmenère Rosé

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Spicy splendor
 With vivid red tones, aromas of red ripe fruit and chocolate, this spicy beauty is well-structured for a smooth finish. Fabulous with gamey meats and lamb.

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Carmenère

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Cheeky little white.
 Inflating the senses with aromas and flavors of pink grapefruit, mandarin orange and lime, engaging with her d'oeuvres, spicy ethnic fare, and friendly chatter.

Valle Central, Chile
 15% SAUVIGNON BLANC 15% CARMENÈRE

AC 13.0% BY VOL. 750ml

Sauvignon Blanc