



Aurelio Montes Receives Lifetime Achievement Awards in both Germany and Chile!

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In a ceremony held at the luxurious Schloss Bensberg Hotel near Düsseldorf, **Feinschmecker**, one of Germany's most important food and wine magazines, celebrated Aurelio Montes's career, his legacy, and the quality of Viña Montes wines and their importance in today's international market presenting him with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for trailblazing the production of dry farmed wines and for all the successes he has achieved to date.

Madeleine Jakits, Editor-in-Chief of the magazine emphasized the work of the whole Viña Montes team, which for five years has focused its research on one of the biggest problems facing Chilean agriculture: the growing shortage of water. This original, cutting-edge research into the impact of different levels of irrigation on vine health, grape development and wine quality has yielded results that have impressed both the local community and the market, in the shape of the new **Montes Alpha Dry Farmed line**.



During the award ceremony Aurelio Montes commented, "It's a very nice feeling to be honored this way and to know that we are leaving a footprint." Düsseldorf, Germany, March 14th, 2015



Santiago, Chile, March 24th, 2015

Chilean Food & Wine Writers' Guild bestowed a **Lifetime Achievement Award** upon Aurelio Montes for his contribution to Chilean wine. The award was given in recognition of his distinguished enological career and work at Viña Montes. The winery celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2014; a significant moment for Chile, because Montes was the country's first small winery to offer high-end wines to the international market. This new award acknowledges Aurelio's innovative spirit, which has led him to pioneer new winegrowing areas, such as Zapallar, and to develop successfully new viticultural practices, such as **dry farming**. It also honors his important work for Wines of Chile.

