

A scenic landscape of a lake and mountains in Chile. The mountains are rugged and snow-capped, with a prominent peak in the center. The lake is calm and reflects the sky. The foreground shows a grassy slope leading down to the water.

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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Strolling along the Jianguomenwai Street, if one looks around, what come into the eyes are row upon row of modern and luxurious landmark buildings with steel frames and glass curtain walls. However, there are still a few old-fashioned architectures which seem to be "out-of-tune", but have indeed attracted the attentions of the pedestrians. Such calm maturity and profoundness are a different charm and natural touch as bestowed on them by the history.

Old-timer Beijing residents living in areas adjacent to Jianguomen keep the memory of the Jianguomen area in the years of 50's of the 20th century when it was still desolate. Along with the construction of the Embassy Zone, the Diplomatic Residence Compounds, the Friendship Store and the International Club all meant for the conveniences of accommodation, shopping and recreation of foreign guests were erected successively. A Beijinger who had lots of experience in the Embassy Zone said with great feelings: "As an old Beijing-timer who was born and brought up in Beijing, these old buildings cannot but bring me tremendous melancholy and nostalgia. The buildings in DRC boast high ceilings and spacious rooms with southern orientation, and the relaxing air of early summer flows smoothly through the rooms — such is the old-fashioned luxury which fits well with Beijing's urban climate and natural environment..., but can only be enjoyed by a small number of lucky guys."

Indeed, the wheels of time march forward and roll on. Faced with the rapid development of this metropolitan, more and more people are uttering their regrets that Beijing is gradually losing its features of the ancient capital and its unique tastes and charms as well. People have started cherishing the memory of the living ambience featuring green trees and bushes around the houses, tree-lined roads, fragrant flowers and singing birds. Moreover, these fond memories are also inclusive of deep nostalgia for the erstwhile people and events.

This issue of Reading Delights in BDS will unfold itself in such memory and nostalgia to explore the history of those time-honored buildings and share with our readers their past stories. After-all, a Beijing city only blessed with its history and heritage can be made more beautiful.

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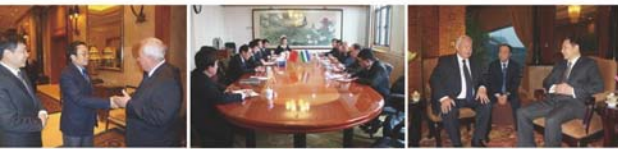


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1 USBDM Delegation Visited BDS

A five member delegation of Uzbekistan Service Bureau for Diplomatic Bureau headed by its director general, Mr. Juraev was in China from March 6 to 12, paying working visits to BDS upon invitation. On the evening of March 7, Cheng Guoping, vice minister of foreign affairs attended the welcoming dinner and spoke highly of the contributions by the exchange of visits between the two bureaus to the strategic partnership relationship between the two countries. On March 8, Qian Hongshan, BDS director general and other responsible members concerned held working talks with the delegation.



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2 Wang Bingnan, BDS Deputy Director General Was Invited to Visit Israel

From March 10 to 14, BDS deputy director general Wang Bingnan was in Tel Aviv at the invitation of the Israeli Foreign Ministry to hold talks with the competent officials of the ministry on matters related to the social security for the Chinese employees in the Israeli embassy in China. The two sides also discussed the cooperation possibilities for ADS visa agency. This visit provided the Israeli Foreign Ministry with deeper understanding of the relevant Chinese laws and regulations, and promoted the cooperation between the two sides for the days to come.



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3 "DRC Would Never Stop Its Efforts of Providing Customer Care, Nor Would it Change Its Concept of Putting Clients First"

On March 19, Beijing Housing Service Corporation for Diplomatic Missions (HSC) held a successful reception at Hotel St. Regis Beijing to mark the spring of 2013 and the launching of villas in Section C of Liangmaqiao DRC. Nearly 300 diplomats, senior representatives and their family members from more than 100 embassies, international organizations and foreign news agencies in Beijing including over 40 ambassadors from Greece, Argentine, Morocco, Myanmar and so on attended the reception upon invitation.



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4 BDS Jing Dong On-Line Shop Opened

Since the beginning of the year, Envoy Classics, a BDS On-Line Shop at Jing Dong Online Mall, has been in full swing preparing for its opening. "Top Enjoyment and Pro-Client Prices" is the business motto of this online shop. Presently the shop is offering its Opening Sales Promotion for the Originally Bottled Imported Wines. Wine lovers are welcome to log onto the online shop (<http://mall.jd.com/index-32476.html>) for purchase and appreciation.

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5 The Polish Embassy Held Publishing Ceremony for Professor Wu Lan's Latest Translation

On March 26, the Embassy of Poland in China held a publishing ceremony for the Chinese translation of *The Captive Mind*. This Polish literary prose was co-translated by Professor Wu Lan of Beijing Language and Cultural Center for Diplomatic Missions and Professor Yi Lijun of Beijing Foreign Studies University. Mr. Tadeusz Chomiccki, the Polish Ambassador to China, representatives from Guangxi Normal University Press and other circles including various media and students attended the ceremony.



6 The Argentina Ambassador to China Awarded Certificate of Honor to Feng Qiang, a Chinese Employee of the Embassy

On March 26, Mr. Gustavo A Martino, the Argentina Ambassador to China gave a reception at the embassy and conferred a certificate of honor autographed by him on the embassy driver Feng Qiang to commend his excellent service and devotion over the past 30-plus years. The ambassador praised Feng Qiang as the most outstanding driver for an ambassador among the various diplomatic missions in China.



Remarkable Performance and Extraordinary Success

An Account of Lu Chunyu, Interpreter of the Chilean Embassy



There is such a whole contingent of employees with Beijing Personnel Service Corporation for Diplomatic Missions. Years in and years out, they have been dedicated to their jobs at the fore front, rendering excellent services to various foreign diplomatic missions in China. Regardless of their jobs as interpreters, office clerks, messengers, drivers, cooks or gardeners, they have all made extraordinary achievements at their own work posts which seem to be commonplace, and won all kinds of medals of honors awarded by the respective heads of states or governments. For a decade or even decades, they have worked hard consistently and unremittingly. They have put in their youth and prime of life, left their sweats of diligence and down-to-earth footprints, and



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in return won the trusts of foreign diplomats and helped to promote the exchanges between China and foreign countries. The process involves different experiences and mixed feelings, moving stories and touching deeds which are not easy for everybody to understand.

Today we have come close to such an interpreter. She has served the Chilean embassy in China for 28 years, and won respects and trusts from Chilean diplomats successively posted in Beijing with her scrupulous working attitude and also her conscientiousness plus high efficiency. In recognition of her utter devotion and outstanding contributions to the Chilean embassy, the Chilean president personally signed and conferred the Knighthood Medal of the Republic of Chile,

Grado De Gaballero on this unknown Chinese citizen. Her name is Lu Chunyu.

Looking back at what she has done in the embassy for nearly three decades, she said with great feelings: "The most difficult thing lies in persistence." Indeed, the young girl of that year when she had just stepped out of her university was once in the prime of her life. Yet now she is already at the age over fifty with her hairs turning grey at the temples. Even Lu's family cannot understand why she has been committed to her post at the embassy for so long. Her son once said to her: "You are still a low ranking interpreter although you have worked here for so many years." Smiling calmly towards the failure on the part of her family members to understand her, she said: "I don't

regret my persistence and choice.” She believes that only those who have gone through the experience can understand the hardship and touch behind it.

When Lu Chunyu first came to the Chilean embassy, there were only two interpreters and one office clerk. There was no division of departments and everybody worked together, doing what they were told to do while offering each other help and assistance. Their jobs involved various aspects such as politics, visa, administration, protocol, commerce, etc. She recalled that during a visit by the Chilean president she was assigned to accompany the Chilean reporters covering the president’s visit. To send their news reports timely to their home country and abroad, these reporters needed to work till late at night. So for several days running Lu Chunyu worked together with them till the small hours everyday. She mentioned the fact that sometimes when a diplomat was away from Beijing on business trips she would leave her own child at home without hesitation to help look after the diplomat’s child. It is exactly such dedication that has helped to build solid trust and profound friendship between her and the Chilean diplomats. The ever-growing relations between China and Chile have witnessed much more exchanges of visits between personnel of the two countries, the large margin increase of the work load of the embassy and also expansion of the work scopes. The embassy has especially set up sections for commerce, military

attaché, visa and agriculture. She said: “It is already 6-plus years since I was transferred to the visa section. Previously the work of the visa section could be handled by a single person and a day’s work could be completed within half a day, whereas the work nowadays calls for three persons to work from morning till night. Although there are detailed job description for each employee and IT-based office operation system, the work load has been increased rather than reduced. Compared with the past, we are busier but we can feel greater attainment.”

Over the past 28 years, there have been quite a few terms of ambassadors, councilors and other senior diplomats serving at the Chilean embassy in China. In terms of the ages, there has been a change of a whole generation. However, Lu Chunyu, the Chinese interpreter still sticks to her post at the same embassy and has thus become the “veteran Chinese employee” as lauded by the Chilean diplomats. Out of the four Chinese employees who have won the president awards at the embassy, Lu Chunyu alone has stayed on, for the other three employees have either retired or shifted to work elsewhere.

As a saying goes, nothing in the diplomatic field is trivial. Embassy jobs and the work post of an embassy interpreter seem ordinary but are by no means simple and easy to accomplish. Not everybody could have possibly behaved



like Lu Chunyu who has successfully held on without any promotion or change of post over the past 28 years. Not even everybody could be expected just to understand her. She has all along been fully committed to her job with no selfish gain or complaint at all. With her 28 years of perseverance and devotion she has interpreted the profound connotation of the

core value of the diplomatic service personnel, i.e. "Respect and Responsibility" She is a winner of the highest grade medal awarded by the president of a state. She is worthy of the title! In this sense, she is by no means ordinary, but outstanding and remarkable.



History Reflected in Architecture



Beijing International Club

——“Home Away from Home” for Foreign Friends

By Wind Voice

The predecessor of Beijing International Club was the “Western Gentlemen’s Club” (also known as Beijing Billiards House). Located on Dongjiaominxiang Street of downtown Beijing, it was first set up in 1878 (in the late Qing Dynasty). The club was especially designed for the relaxation, recreation and social functions of foreigners in the Legation Zone. It was burned down in 1909. Then, with the

patronage of various legations and other institutions, and designed by the German architect Curt Rothkegel, a new club was built in 1911 at N0.8 Taijichang in the vicinity of the original club. And the club was renamed “Beijing Club”.

In 1950, Beijing Club was put under the leadership of the newly founded Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and renamed International Club. In 1972, under the late Premier Zhou Enlai’s personal care, the brand new “Beijing International Club” was built at its present location of Jianguomenwai. It was regarded as one of the three grand buildings then on the Chang’an Avenue, enjoying the same reputation



Beijing International Club

as the other two grand buildings of Beijing Hotel and Beijing Friendship Store. The Club is also known as “Home Away from Home” for foreign friends. The new International Club is quite several times larger than the old one. In terms of architectural designs, it incorporates the style of classic Chinese architecture. It contains several courts with its front court divided into two parts by pavilions and corridors. There are platforms, flower stands, lotus flower pond and fountains for the convenience of outdoor activities. Although buildings in this complex vary greatly in size and height, they are all elaborated designed and well arranged with appropriate spacing to fit into the classic Chinese esthetic tastes. In his article of Reading All Over the Changan Avenue—The International Club, the well-known writer Liu Xinwu presents in terse language a brief introduction to the construction background and designing elements of the building complex and also the value of such architecture as a nodal point in the history of the Chinese architecture. In the eyes of Liu Xinwu, the International Club “conveyed after-all in that age a little bit of the wholesome message of the Western architecture”.

Of all the buildings in the complex of Beijing International Club, its indoor tennis stadium is particularly worth mentioning. During the “Cultural Revolution”, Wan Li proposed that an indoor tennis stadium be built in line with international standards no sooner had he resumed his office. However, the Army Representative disagreed, saying that it was unnecessary and thus a waste of money to set up such a stadium. But Wan Li insisted, holding that since Beijing is cold in winter, hot in summer, and windy plus dusty in both autumn and winter, the tennis court would not be liked by foreigners without such an indoor stadium. Thanks to his great efforts in fighting through lots of opposition, the indoor tennis stadium was finally completed. The stadium was so popular at that time that among expatriates in



In mid 80's of the 19th century, George Bush visited China. On the sidelight of the visit, he had a pleasant picture taking together with then Vice Premier Wan Li following the Sino-U.S. Tennis Competition at Beijing International Club. This photo bears their autographs.

China, no one who liked tennis would fail to know its existence. And they all spoke highly of this tennis stadium.

The years of 70's were the "golden times" for the International Club when the state and government leaders such as Zhou Enlai, Deng Xiaoping and Song Qing-ling often came to the Club to hold social functions or attend celebrations. The Club's restaurants and its recreation amenities were also frequented by foreign diplomats, reporters and the Chinese government officials as well. Among the great number of foreign diplomats and foreign friends from other circles who have affinities with the International Club, the former U.S. President George Bush has particularly profound affection for the Club. When he served as the Head of the US Liaison Office in China, he was already a frequent visitor to and a great patron of the Club. He often came to its restaurants, barber or tennis court. Wan li, through tennis playing engagements with him, became his friend.

In February 1989, the then U.S. President George Bush visited China officially. During the visit, he proposed a meeting with the old friends of the International Club. The barbers, cooks and tennis coach cum play mate who had served him joined in the meeting. The president and his wife were so happy with them that the meeting lasted for almost one hour instead of the originally scheduled 15 minutes. As a result, the next item on the program had to be cancelled. Interestingly enough, in February



2012, his son, the former U.S. President George W. Bush made a point in choosing to stay at the International Club Hotel (what is now Hotel St. Regis Beijing) during his official visit to China. Since then, many heads of states and government dignitaries including the current U.S. President Obama have stayed in the hotel.

On December 19, 2007, Beijing Municipal Planning Commission released A List of Beijing's Outstanding Modern and Contemporary Architectures for Protection (the First Group), which itemizes 188 buildings at 71 sights as objects for protection, and Beijing International Club built in 1972 is among them. The present International Club is in "an advanced age", yet the passage of time has instead added more charms to this Club.



Four Seasons in DRC

Watching the Spring Breeze from the Liangmaqiao DRC

By Deep Breath

Liangmaqiao (means Liangma Bridge) is a place name in Beijing. If an elevated bridge on the road is counted as a "bridge", then Liangmaqiao is indeed worthy of the name. The water flows eastward from the Kunming Lake of the Summer Palace, winding its way and crossing the city's moat. When

it comes to Tayuancun, the water-flow makes a bend and thus becomes the Liangma (Bright Horse) River. The Baidu Encyclopedia says: "The Liangma River is a small river outside the Dongzhimen of Beijing's city wall. Back to many years ago, when horse caravans of business people reached Beijing, the



horses must be first washed and brushed in the river to clean off the dusts accumulated in the travel. Then the horses would be tied to the willow trees by the riverside so as to air dry the water stains and usher in a good luck. So the river was known as the Horse-Drying River (the Liangma River), but later it was called the Bright Horse River based on the homonym. But some others think that the Liangma River in history had abundant water and the area was a good pasture of horses. During the Yongle reign of the Ming dynasty, it was set aside as the imperial horse pastureland. So the river nearby was referred to as the Horse Drying River. Later it was made known by its homonym: "the Bright Horse River". Nevertheless, this argument was not reflected in any historical record. According to the 36th Volume of Tian Fu Guang Ji, "the Ji Water flows westward into the Taihu Lake (what is the Kunming Lake today) , then the lake water flows east to the Horse Washing Ditch before it goes further east from the south gate of the side city....". Judging by the course of historical development, the Horse Washing River should be the Horse Drying River.

The solar term of Spring Beginning has already passed, but the air is still quite cool. Standing on the Liangma Bridge, to be exact, standing in a high-rise DRC building since the elevated bridge is in heavy traffic and not

suitable for one to stand there for long. I have a bird-eye view of the city's night scene featuring streams of cars and a myriad twinkling lights. A gust of strong northwest wind brings to my mind the verses from the West Wind by the British laurel poet John Masefield: It's a warm wind, the west wind, full of birds' cries,

I never hear the west wind but tears are in my eyes. /

For it comes from the west wind, the old brown hills,

And April's in the west wind, and daffodils.

The climate of the three islands of the Great Britain is different from that of the Chinese mainland. In Britain, under the impact of the Atlantic currents, there is mostly warm and moist west wind in spring while in winter there is more often than not cold and wet east wind. In Beijing's spring, there should have been southeast wind. However, the present climate exactly has reminded me of the well-known verse from Shelley: O Wind, / If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?

I believe that Beijing's spring is very near. The trees in DRC are starting to turn a little bit green and the Magnolia flowers are gathering strength and ready to emerge from the buds at anytime. A wave of excitement has rippled across the Liangmaqiao DRC — as it has won a five star property management rating of Beijing as a demonstration living quarter.

In the words of DRC staff, they have picked "five stars".

Common knowledge tells us that five stars should mean the top honor in the trade. I certainly have no doubt about it, as the services here, no matter in terms of buildings and amenities, cleaning and security, reception and facility maintenance, are all so exquisite and thoughtful. If possible, I would be most willing to add a few more stars to its honor.

On the day before the solar term of Spring Solace, the Housing Service Corporation hosted a spring reception at Hotel St. Regis Beijing. Ms. Jiang Qi, the corporation's CEO gave an extremely inspiring speech. Her interpreter did a good job and the BDS website (<http://www.bsbdm.com.cn>) translator further put the CEO's remarks with an excellent translation: "The concept of client first would be never changed and efforts of providing customer care would be never stopped". Of these words, Client First and Customer Care are particularly accurate and vivid expressions. Interestingly, the American Starwood Management Group, the management party to Hotel St. Regis Beijing is also promoting its Starwood Care. I think all genuinely great enterprises should be similar in this pursuit.

That day when I stepped out of Hotel St. Regis, it was all bright sunshine. It seems that spring has really arrived in Beijing.

Diplomatic Compound Celebrates 5-Star Rating

Upgrading the equipment and facilities including air-conditioned rooms, a thermal substation, a high voltage distribution room and public areas in 2012, the Liangmaqiao DRC took first place out of more than 100 participating enterprises and won the honorary Beijing 5 Star Property Management rating.

The good environment and thoughtful service in the compound was highly praised by foreign diplomats and expats, who said the compound gave them a feeling of being at home.



Foreign diplomats and expats gathered in the Liangmaqiao Diplomatic Residence Compound on Tuesday to celebrate the compound's success in winning a Beijing Five-Star Property Management rating.

The compound is still improving its facilities and aims at winning nationwide recognition in the future, said Jiang Qi, general manager of Beijing Housing Service Corporation for Diplomatic Missions, to which the Liangmaqiao DRC is affiliated.



Jiang Qi(right), deputy head of Beijing Service Bureau for Diplomatic Missions and Cypriot Ambassador to China Ioanna Malliotis present the five-star board after the Liangmaqiao Diplomatic Residence Compound winning a Beijing Five-Star Property Management rating in Beijing on March 26, 2012. [Photo by chinadaily.com.cn]

Cypriot Ambassador to China Ioanna Malliotis paints red dots in the eyes of a lion before the lion dance during a ceremony to celebrating the Liangmaqiao Diplomatic Residence Compound winning a Beijing Five-Star Property Management rating in Beijing on March 26, 2012.[Photo by chinadaily.com.cn]



Introduction to the Demonstration Property Management Projects of Beijing Municipality:

To standardize property service conducts, raise property management quality and set up outstanding role models for the property service trade, Beijing Municipal Housing and Urban and Rural Construction Commission is charged with the appraisal of and supervision over the Demonstration Property Management Projects (Four Stars and Five Stars) of Beijing. The procedure of the appraisal is by and large divided into the four links of application, qualification examination, on-the-spot appraisal and open debate. According to the Detailed Rules on Appraisal Standards and Scoring for the Demonstration Property Management Projects, only those projects which obtain 98 scores or above for on-the-spot appraisal and pass the on-the-spot debate can be awarded the title of Demonstration Property Management (Five Star) Project of Beijing Municipality.

It is learned that of the 4000 plus property management projects in Beijing, 217 submitted their applications for demonstration property management rating in 2012. With the examination by experts, three residential quarters including Liangmaqiao Diplomatic Residence Compound have won Demonstration Property Management (Five Star) rating for the year of 2012.



Liangmaqiao DRC Section C Villas

1.Location

Liangmaqiao DRC, located in the Third Embassy Zone at the corner of the East Section of the Third Ring Road and Liangmaqiao Road, is adjacent to the embassies of USA, France, Japan, the Republic of Korea and so on with some well-known international schools such as the Canadian International School and the German School lying nearby. As a result, Liangmaqiao DRC enjoys highly international ambience. In the meantime, the area has become the top choice for diplomats from various countries and upscale business executives of multinational companies to set up their offices and residences as it is situated in the core of the Lufthansa Center Business Ring.

2. Transportation

This area is easily accessible, with five minutes' walk to the Liangmaqiao Station of Beijing's subway line 10 and its surroundings crisscrossed by many roads including several trunk roads. It just takes 20 minutes to drive either to the downtown or the Capital Airport.

3. Environment

Villas in Section C comprise two detached office buildings and five townhouses. They occupy a land area of approximately 6500 square meters with a 35% ratio of green space. It goes without saying that our tenants could feel all the comforts to live and work here.

4. The Layout

The detached villa buildings, each with a floor space of 1800 SM, could be used as the office buildings for small-sized embassies. Designed to contain 8 rooms, 4 drawing rooms and 8 bathrooms on three floors, each of the three-storied townhouse has a floorage of 580 SM and boasts luxury décor and fittings. Moreover, each of the townhouse is attached with a semi-underground storey. These townhouses could serve as residence for diplomats. The ground floor is made of spacious drawing room and dining room, with its ceiling as high as 3.6 meters. With a capacity for 20 plus persons to have their meals at the same time, it is an ideal place for gatherings and banquets. The first floor has multifunctional rooms suitable for the relaxation and recreation of the family. The second floor contains the master bedroom. All the bedrooms are fitted with solid wood compound flooring in warm and steady toned color, and all the entrance halls are fitted with noble and elegant crystal chandeliers. Apart from that, sufficient natural lighting and excellent ventilation are available all over the townhouses.





5.Services

Our clients are provided with property service in line with DRC service tenet of excellence and professionalism. The property service includes 24 hours property management, satellite TV, cold and hot water and extra-long period of heating. Meanwhile supporting services such as supply of electric appliances, curtains and optional service such as domestic help are provided on the basis of the requirements of our clients. Optical fiber communication lines are connected to all the buildings in Section C villa area so that multi-telecommunication signals such as telephone, broadband internet and television are accessible to all the villa buildings and townhouses in Section C. Our tenants can enjoy free-of-charge swimming and fitness training at the Liangmaqiao Club, which is just 200 meters away from the Section C villa area. Our tenants could take three to four minutes' walk to get to the club, which is a convenient venue for various leisure and recreation services such as sports, catering, and shopping, medical care, hair-dressing and cosmetic service. Besides, Section C villa area provides 39 spaces for parking of which 17 are under the ground and 22 on the ground, so the beloved cars of our tenants can also enjoy cozy abode.



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On the Liangmaqiao DRC by Diplomats



Ioanna Malliotis, the Cypriot Ambassador to China:

I have lived at DRC for nine months, and I love to stay here. The ambassador's residence here is just perfect, with excellent kitchen and air conditioning and so on. Whenever there is any problem the service personnel would rush to come over immediately and fix it. So I am completely satisfied. All the public areas both inside and outside the buildings in DRC even including the garbage disposal depots are kept neat and clean. Beautiful flowers and trees grow in the garden. All the DRC employees are very friendly and polite. I would like to congratulate you on winning Beijing's five star property management rating. You deserve this honor!

Mr William Zarit, Commercial Minister of the US Embassy in China:

First of all, I wish to extend my congratulations to you on your success in winning a five star property management rating of Beijing. I know there are a lot of apartment properties in Beijing, so it is extremely difficult to win this top honor in the property trade. I have lived in this DRC for nearly two years and a half. To me this DRC is an ideal choice as it is not only very close to my workplace, but also very thoughtful in its service. I need to give banquets or hold receptions quite often. Sometimes I have a great number of guests, as many as 70 to 80. Your employees are all very polite to my guests and also very kind to my staff. So long as we put forward a request, you would try your best to help. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity today to say that I am extremely satisfied with DRC and it is a great honor to be here.





Warm Care amid Spring Breeze

High-End health Check for Wives of Diplomatic Envoys



On the morning of March 8, one could feel the warmth of Beijing's spring in its early stage with gentle breeze and brilliant sunshine all around. Several cars bearing black plates with the character Shi (embassy) before their numbers pulled up in front of the Beijing International Medical Center (IMC). Several ladies in their national costumes emerged from the cars before they were ushered into the Physical Examination Section of the center. These ladies, wives of the heads and deputy heads of missions such as embassies of Mozambique, Angola and Zimbabwe, came upon invitation for free health check-up to mark the International Women's Day. The event was held by Beijing Service Corporation for Diplomatic Missions



together with Beijing Medical Center and insurance companies concerned especially for the wives of envoys of the South Africa Development Community (SADC). It was designed to show humanistic care for the health of diplomats' families, enhance the level of health care and medical attention for the diplomats and their families of developing countries through popularizing health insurance among African embassies in China.

At the IMC Beijing, health checks were proceeding smoothly and orderly. Guided by specially designated medical staff, the wives of envoys went through each item of the check-up one by one: blood test, B-mode ultrasonic scan, CDFI scanning, dental and eye checks, etc. Doctors' perfect diagnose and treatment and patient and considerate service by the nurses made them feel the convenience, promptness, thoughtfulness and comfort offered by the one-to-one high-end medical service. During the waiting time, while tasting the free-of-charge breakfast—— Beijing's specialty snacks, the wives chatted with great zeal on their feelings about this service.

As a matter of fact, they don't feel strange with such high-end medical and health insurance as such insurance has already been introduced in many African countries, particularly for their government agency personnel and diplomats abroad and the family



members, who can have priority enjoying such welfare benefits. The governments are willing to get commercial medical cover for their diplomats and families in those destination countries with mature commercial health insurance markets. By so doing, not only the insurance proposers are facilitated to get medical treatment at designated hospitals directly and save the troubles of large amount advance cash payment and much paper works like that for traditional claims, but also the respective governments can shift the risks of government budgeting so as to better control expenditures.

These wives of envoys think the medical conditions in Beijing are comparatively superior. Beijing boasts many top grade hospitals as required by the international standards. Moreover they can render professional and multi-lingual services. They believe that in the near future the high-end medical service will be able to walk into the life of Chinese ordinary people.

Close to two hours medical check was soon over. The wives of envoys, through the meticulous examination, got to know their own health conditions much better. Some ladies also had made appointments for their re-checks.

It was already noon by the time they had stepped out of the IMC Beijing. The beautiful sunshine brought warmth and the trees and flowers by the roadsides also indicated that spring was very much in the air. Smiling broadly, the wives of envoys who just had experienced this high-end medical service concluded the special trip with full satisfaction.

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An Account of the 2013 Mandarin Spring Camp



No sooner had the Chinese Spring Festival passed than a group of learners from the United Nations International School (UNIS) came to Beijing Language and Cultural Center for Diplomatic Missions (LCC) to attend a Mandarin spring camp. Amid the early spring chills a journey in pursuit of the Chinese culture started with great zeal.....

Following the itinerary for Beijing and Xian arranged for the spring camp last year, LCC organized for the camp group a tour to Shanghai this time. The Mandarin and cultural courses were as inspiring as ever. The elaborately designed teaching program and the "Merry Chinese" imparted through making full use of the time on the way of the trips made it possible for the learners to gain big progress in Chinese conversation within a few days.

During the tours, in conjunction with the explanations by the tour guides, LCC teachers accompanying the group constantly provided detailed and in-depth introduction for UNIS teachers, students and their accompanying parents so that the learners really felt it was "extremely worthwhile" to join the camp. In Beijing, they were attracted to the rich cultural flavors of the Great Wall, the Palace Museum and the Temple of Heaven, and overwhelmed by the grandeur and novel idea of



the Birds Nest Stadium and the Water Cube Aquatic Sports Center. They were keenly interested in the modern artistic flavor of the 798 Art Zone. They were so appreciative of the high quality strawberries produced in the Huairou base of the China Jiayuan Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation affiliated to BDS that they unanimously singled out the strawberry picking as one of the most fascinating activities of the spring camp. When they arrived in Shanghai by the bullet train, they were immediately bathed in the modernity of this biggest metropolitan of China. The camp learners marveled at the huge achievements in China's infrastructure, urban construction and economic development made since its reform and opening up.

Beautiful times always seem to be short. At the closing ceremony, the learners with certificates in hands, reluctantly bid

farewell to their teachers. There were two children with Chinese origin adopted by American families are particularly striking. This was the first time for them to come back to China since the adoption. They not only showed the same interest towards everything in China as all the other children in the camp, but also expressed their strong identification with the culture of their country of origin. A girl named Isabel told her American parents who had come along with her that she would surely come to China once again next year.

Why the Mandarin Spring Camp was lauded as the best one among the various languages spring camps of the United Nations International School? We believe that the answer was already at the hearts of each and every learner.....





Former Residences of Well-known Chinese Achievers in Beijing Hutong

Through the ages, many well-known Chinese achievers from all corners of the country have lived in numerous hutongs of all sizes in Beijing, forming a large cultural cobweb. There are many former residences of such public figures in Beijing. We have chosen just an example in our magazine, and now, let us visit the courtyards where these famous people lived.

(This article from Hutong in Beijing by Chen Guangzhong)



The Former Residence of Mei Lanfang

The former residence of Mei Lanfang (1894-1961), a renowned Peking Opera star and artist, is located at No.9 Huguosi Street in Xicheng District and is one of Beijing's typical quadrangle courtyards. The courtyard was originally part of Prince Qing's (Prince Yikuang) Mansion and was renovated later on. Mei Lanfang moved to live in this quiet and comfortable quadrangle courtyard, spending his last 10 years here. The Mei Lanfang Memorial Museum was built in the courtyard after Mei Lanfang died.



Upon entering the front gate, a big screen wall of blue bricks and grey tiles comes into view, and a white-marble half statue of Mei Lanfang stands in the front of the screen wall. There are two persimmon trees and two cherry-apple trees in the courtyard, implying "everything goes well".

After the Mei Lanfang Memorial Museum was established, the front yard was turned into an exhibition hall, where a large number of photos and material objects are on display, which introduce Mei's life as an artist. Mei learned Peking Opera when he was eight years old, and performed on the stage when he was 11 as the main female role (known as qingyi, meaning blue cloth, in Chinese) and daomadan- another female role. He became the head of four well-known artists playing female roles in the Peking Opera.

Three north rooms in the back yard preserve the original appearance of the residence. The hardwood furniture as well as a dressing table and mirror and a pigeon whistle for practicing Peking Opera, used by Mei, are placed in the drawing room, with a painting named well-known 13 Drama Artists during the Reins of Emperors Tongzhi and Guangxu by Shen Rongpu, a famous painter in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), hanging on the western wall. The inner room of the drawing room is the living room, the east side room a bedroom, and the west side room a study room. The west wing room is now turned into an exhibition room, mainly displaying Mei's cultural performances and achievements, while the east wing room is used as a film room, showing footage of Mei's elegant artistic demeanor.



Caring for Your Respiratory Health Could Start with the Cleaning of the Air Conditioning

Since last year, PM2.5 issue has been the focus of our attention, heightening our awareness for maintaining our respiratory health. However, the problem of PM 2.5 micron particles is not the only factor which affects our respiratory health. Even the standard central air conditioning for our office buildings familiar to all of us could be a latent hazard for our respiratory health.....

The central air conditioning and ventilation system is just like the "lungs" in the space of your life, for it controls the metabolism of the air in the space of office and living. However, its peculiar interior environment of darkness, constant temperature and humidity could make the wind duct system a hot bed for the pollutants and a base camp for storing filth and dirt. Large amount of germs and virus are blown to the rooms through the wind duct system. The problem could be so serious that indoor pollution at its height could be 15 to 30 times heavier than that of the outdoors. The result of investigation concerned shows that 42% to 70% of the total indoor air pollution comes from the unclean air conditioning and ventilation system. The air pollution caused by central air conditioning is also closely related to PM 2.5 micron particles in addition to the germs and virus. If extra fine particles are not cleaned in good time, they will be circulated repeatedly indoors and thus threatening to human health. To be specific, the harms are three-folds:



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1. The air displacement have poor results: Central air conditioning is used mostly for closed and semi-closed indoor spaces. The indoor air is utilized through circulation. The cleanness of the air is maintained by the filtering of the air conditioning itself plus regular transmission input of new fresh air from the outside. In case the central air conditioning system is not timely cleaned, the indoor air will naturally get less fresh and even dirty with the passage of time compared with the air in the outside.

2. The accumulated dusts will help breed germs. The central air conditioning system relies on wind ducts and gaps to pump in the treated air into the rooms, the wind ducts are closed space and the various kinds of suspending particles cannot be completely fended off by the filtering installations. As a result, fine

dusts could get into the wind ducts and hold onto the inner walls of the ducts. Moreover, most wind ducts are narrow inside, so a large amount of dusts could get accumulated and deposited there over a long period of time, which makes it easy for various harmful microbes to breed.

3. Cradles for parasites and insects: As wind ducts are mostly installed inside the suspending board ceilings of buildings, and the temperatures and humidity inside these ducts are suitable for parasites and insects all the year round, the ducts could often become hot beds for them.

Consequently, for your respiratory health, please start with the regular cleaning of the central air conditioning and ventilation system.



Jiaohui Environmental Science and Technology Co., Ltd.

Beijing Jiaohui Environment Science and Technology Co. Ltd became the first professional corporation for the central air conditioning and ventilation system cleaning in China to have acquired simultaneously all the three system certifications. It affiliated to Beijing Service Bureau for Diplomatic Missions (BDS), has built up its own management systems on quality, environment and professional health and safety, and with its professional team of technicians in line with the national and international standards. The corporation, using the most advanced professional air conditioning cleaning equipments in China, has realized CCTV monitored operation for the whole cleaning process. It has undertaken central air conditioning system cleaning for many hotels, guest houses and office buildings such as BDS headquarters building, Diaoyutai State Guest House, Diaoyutai Hotel, Hotel St. Regis Beijing and other buildings of the Beijing International Club complex. In the meantime it has also conducted ventilation wind duct cleaning for some large-sized public facilities. The corporation has won wide acclaims from its clients in return for its professional and thoughtful service and its tenet of "Client Service and Client Satisfaction".

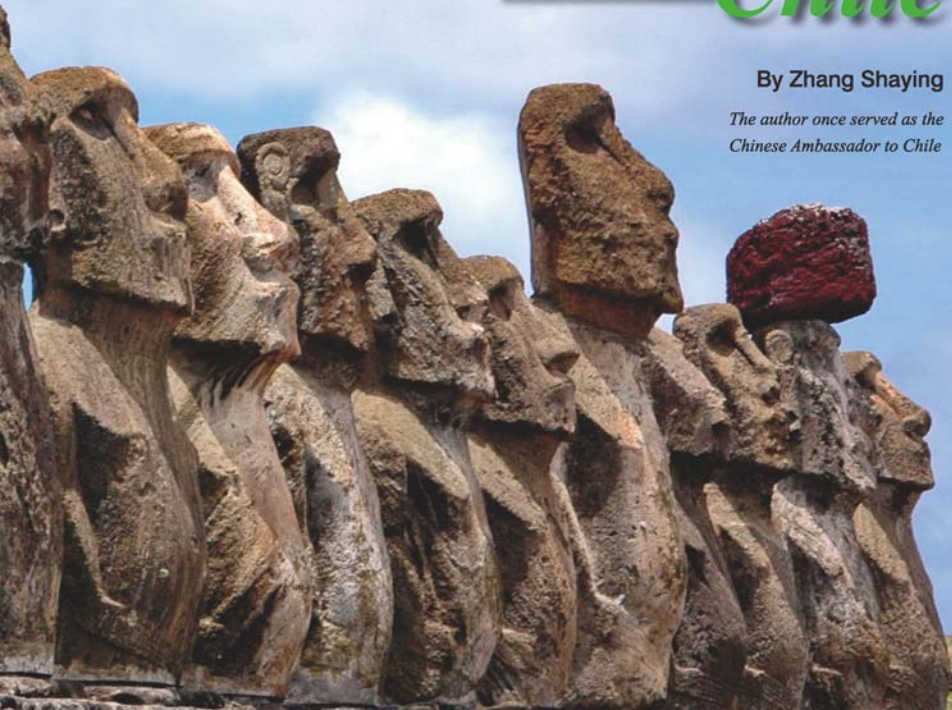


*A Country with Its Land in the Shape
of A Narrow Strip*

— *Chile*

By Zhang Shaying

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The Far Away Wonder, but So Close

When I had geography lessons at high school I was deeply amazed by the special topographic features of Chile which has the longest and narrowest landforms. This country, stretching from 18 to 56 degrees southern latitude, is 4200 kilometers long, but only 180 kilometers wide on the average. It is really like a sharp sword carried on the waist of South America. With more learning in further details, I got to know that the size of Chile including its Easter Island—"the Naval of the Globe" and other islands is more than 756,000 square kilometers,

even larger than the areas of Germany, Austria and Italy put together. However, the whole country, with its mountains and waters forming a straight line, brings the sky and the earth so close to each other. A section of its land stretches westward from 7000-odd meters high Aconcagua before falling abruptly into the 7500 meter deep Taltal Trench. No doubt, this is a uniquely steep terrain in the whole world. One cannot but be left breathless and speechless in front of such a wonder. Many years later, I had the luck to work and live in Chile, so I could personally experience the wonder of this country. When touring Chile, one could cross the country from east to west just in hours by driving along the mountain roads. Nevertheless, if one flies from north to south, the distance would be greater than that between Harbin and Haikou in China. Such an experience is the only one of its kind and cannot be found when I travel in other countries.



The legend among the Chileans has it that when the God was creating the world, he had only a piece of arid desert, two parallel strips of mountains, small pieces of valleys and pastry land, dots of rivers and

lakes, a vast expanse of ocean, numerous small islands and beaches left after he had completed the general picture mosaic of the globe. So where could he place these materials? So the God randomly dropped and piled up all these leftovers at the remotest corner — the west flank of the South American Continent. Thus, Chile came into being. Some people say this

is the magic finishing touch and master stroke by the Savior while others say this is just an unintentional utilization of the waste materials. With the vicissitudes of history, this legend has become words of penitence for this wonder land, by which people forecasts the destiny and future of this country.

Striving for Bright Future under Harsh Natural Conditions

It is said that there is no stiff and unchangeable mindset in Chile. Due to recurring earthquakes, even the concept of a safe shell of the earth is a luxury. Everything is in the state of movement, changes and variances, and more often than not something unexpected would happen. Pablo Neruda, a Nobel literature laureate and noted Chilean poet once described that Chileans "are like snails born to be sticking onto the Andes." I think that the master depicted in a most life-like manner the hard living environments of the Chilean people and their positive attitude towards life as well. With high mountains on its back and facing the ocean, Chile has only deserts and mountain ranges in the north, glaciers and snow fields in the south except for small pieces of fertile land, pastures and forests. The natural living conditions there are indeed harsh and perilous. However, the unyielding Chilean people, through many centuries of hard work and innovation, have simply turned this narrow strip of land into various zones of economic development with distinctive features. At present, Chile ranks among the tops in the world, not only in terms of traditional exports such as copper ore and saltpeter, but also in the fields of non-traditional exports such as timber, pulp, fish meal and farmed salmon. In recent years, the Chilean economy has witnessed sustained high-speed growth, and its monetary activities have been put under efficient supervision and control, thus greatly boosting its capacity to cope with the world-wide crisis. Given its regional conditions, Chile is worthy of a good example with its national economic planning and development proceeding in such an orderly manner and gaining such remarkable achievements. Just as a Chinese verse goes: "Do not laugh at the narrow space for its conditions so harsh, a great landscape could still come into being under a powerful brush", the heroic Chilean people have successfully painted a beautiful picture under harsh natural conditions, winning the admirations of the whole world.

Cuenca Dance, a reflection of the styles and feelings of the Chilean people

The vast Pacific Ocean serves as the broad chest of the Chilean people. The Chilean people love peace, seeking to coexist in peace with the peoples of other nations. The Chileans are dubbed "life-long travelers". They always embrace Latin-America and the rest of the world with open perspective and modest and inclusive spirit for innovations. Groping their way, they are moving forward firmly and steadily to integrate their country into the global development process with dignity.

Where ever you go in Chile, you can see that local hosts and hostesses would put on their holiday bests to welcome guests from afar with "Cuenca dance". Men would put on hats, cappa, boots and spur, waving white silk; women would wear flat hats, black-colored and close-fitting frocks and deep-colored long skirts, shaking red silk. They dance gracefully to the company of gentle music. The valiant dance is touched with warmth and harmony, and their simplicity shows their elegance. The scene makes you instantly feel the Chinese analogy of "gorgeous wines ready for friends, but hunting guns prepared for wolves." Like dances, like dancers. The styles and customs of the Chilean people are fully reflected in the "Cuenca Dance."





“China and Chile both benefit from bilateral trade cooperation.”

— The interview with Mr. Gonzalo Matamala, the Economic and Commercial Counselor of Embassy of Chile to China.

On February 5th, 2013, Mr. Gonzalo Matamala, the economic and commercial counselor accepted the interview by our magazine in the Embassy of Chile to China. The following is the full text of the interview:

Reading Delights in BDS : Currently, China is the largest trading partner of Chile, please briefly introduce the bilateral trade development in recent years and its prospect.

Mr. Gonzalo Matamala: Since the two countries signed the free trade agreement, bilateral cooperation in trade areas has made rapid progress. Now Chile became the first major trading partner of China in Latin America. More and more products of Chile become popular in China. Chile is the second largest supplier of fruits to China. We expect Chinese consumers will know more about Chile and Chilean products through unremitting efforts. Because of the rapid development of China's economy and the strong purchasing power of Chinese market, we're sure of that, more and more Chinese people will realize not only brands of US and Europe are stand of high quality, but also other reliable brands coming from Chile.

Reading Delights in BDS: We notice that Chile has done well on balancing economic growth and environmental protection. Please introduce some of your strategies which help achieve the result.

Mr. Gonzalo Matamala: Firstly, Chile is very aware this kind of issue. Chile has a very high standard of clean production and strict product inspection procedures. Chilean Standard Council takes the samples to check products carefully before export.



At the same time, it not only checks how the company is doing its production, but also situations of the suppliers. So you can never find unqualified products in the overseas market because the council does not allow them to be exported. If the council finds any problem in the production, the company will be asked to work out the problem or even shut down. So Chile cares about quality first and then the price. Secondly, Chile is an ecotourism destination of clean environment. The policy of environmental protection is very strict, especially in the mining industry which causes lots of pollution problems.

Reading delights in BDS: What are the preferential policies for foreign investments and developing international trade?

Mr. Gonzalo Matamala: Chile is an opening market. Chilean government welcomes all overseas enterprises come to make investment. Chile Embassy has a special institution called the Chile Council for the Promotion International Trade, building the bridge for the international trading. We will have a huge seminar in January, 2014, showing more opportunities to Chinese investors to know more about Chile. And we also have service to help those international enterprises to make some business trips to Chile. If Chinese company wants the long-term cooperation with Chile, they can sign the agreement according to related rules and regulations, resulting in that the taxes still remain the same for 50 years even if any special preferential policy may change in Chile. For investors, the recommendation is that you'd better go to Chile to have some business experience. After you taste the local food and try something in Chile, you will know the difference and you may find more investment opportunities in Chile.

Reading Delights in BDS: As the Economic and Commercial Counselor of Embassy of Chile to China, do you have recommendations of specialties of Chile, tourist attractions or special local customs to our readers?

Mr. Gonzalo Matamala: Four Parts of Chile are very appealing to tourists. First, the South Pole is increasingly popular now. It is better for tourists to go there in summer for a fantastic adventure. Second, you can go to the wineries in the center part of Chile, which are near Santiago, trying local food, grapes and wines, and learning about the whole process of wine production. Third, I would like to recommend the Easter Island, which is very famous and unique in Chile. Tourists really enjoy its mysterious history and the ancient rock faces over there. No one knows why those rocks are there and how long they have been there. The last one is the Desert in the north of Chile. In there, in around 330 days, you can enjoy blue sky and sunshine. It can be called the "paradise of amateur astronomers". It is a perfect place for you to use the huge telescope to observe bright stars at night.



Chilean Wines

Chile, as an outstanding member of the new world of wine producing countries, has a history of 450 years in wine making, which is respectively over 200 years and nearly 300 years earlier than that of California, USA and Australia. The Chilean wines, with a clear and bright style, tastes smooth and soft, rich and mellow. They all have excellent performance-to-price ratio. Chilean wines, with their unique features, are remarkable at the markets throughout the world. And they are particularly popular among British, American, German, Japanese and Brazilian consumers.

Chilean grape planting areas are under the Mediterranean climate, so rainfalls are concentrated in winter and it starts to get dry at the end of spring. Such weather is concluded at the end of autumn. Here the temperature contrast is big between day and night. The sun daily shines for quite a long time and the relative humidity is merely 55% to 60% in summer. Such God-blessed climate helps photosynthesis of the grape trees a great deal while the low temperature at night provide sufficient rest for the grape trees, which all constitute ideal conditions for the maturing of the grapes. In Chile, thanks to the dryness of its summer, grapes seldom get plant diseases or insect pests. Its natural conditions and environment have made it the only one phylloxera-free country among all the major wine producing countries. Such an excellent planting environment is indeed unique in the world.

"A good wine is 70 % contributed by its raw materials while 30 % by the technology." It goes without saying that the top quality grapes plus perfect technology makes the best products. We cannot but marvel at the splendid colors, pure aromas, full wine body and the lingering aftertastes of Chilean wines!





FINCA NEGRA CLASICO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Basic Data

Origin: Central Valley
Alcohol level: 14%
Vintage: 2011 Size: 75cX6

Grape Variety

100% cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Tasting

Appearance: Intense ruby colour.
Aroma: Exquisite aroma of wild berries and spices over a rich background of leather and liquorice.

Taste: The Fruit tannins and vegetable notes stand out on the palate

Accompaniment

Ideal with cold cuts and sausages, grills and meat dishes. Serve at 18°C

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FINCA NEGRA GRAN RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Basic Data

Origin: Curico Valley
Aged for 15 months in French oak
Alcohol level: 14%
Vintage: 2009 Size: 75cX6

Grape Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Tasting

Appearance: Red ruby color with overtones of mahogany evolving to ochre.

Aroma: Well balanced scent, round and spiced, typical of the great Pacific Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

Taste: In the palate, it is intense, fleshy, evidencing great development, and ending with a strong and persistent after taste.

Accompaniment

It is ideally served with empanadas, game birds, barbeques, and meat dishes.





FINCA NEGRA RESERVE SAUVIGNON BLANC

Basic Data

Origin: Central Valley

Alcohol level: 13.5%

Vintage: 2012 Size: 75clx6

Grape Variety

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Wine Tasting

Appearance: A fresh, pale gold colour

Aroma: A blend of aromas reminiscent of ripe, tropical fruits, over underlying hints of apple and fennel.

Taste: Silky on the palate with a good acid structure and prolonged finish.

Accompaniment

Can be taken as an aperitif, or with fish, baked, broiled or served in mild sauces. Best served at 18°C

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FINCA NEGRA RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Basic Data

Origin: Central Valley

Aged for 7 months in French oak

Alcohol level: 14%

Vintage: 2011 Size: 75clx6

Grape Variety

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine Tasting

Appearance: Ruby colour with fiery reflections.

Aroma: Exquisite varietal aroma over rich hints of leather and liquorice.

Taste: Silky tannins on the palate and an elegant finish.

Accompaniment

Ideal with smoked cold cuts and sausages, poultry game, grilled and meat dishes. Serve at 18°C





La Runciere Reserva Shiraz

Origin: Colchagua Valley-Chile

Level: Reserve

Vintage: 2009 Alcohol level: 13.5%

Size: 750ml Grape Variety: Shiraz

Appearance: Deep ruby color.

Aroma: Intense aroma of mature fruit, with hints of vanilla and chocolate.

Taste: Full bodied roundness with lingering tannins, perfect balance and ends with a long lasting finish.

Accompaniment: Best enjoyed with grilled lamb, beef and cheese.



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La Runciere Reserva Carmenere

Origin: Colchagua Valley-Chile

Level: Reserve

Vintage: 2009

Alcohol level: 13.5%

Size: 750ml

Grape Variety: Carmenere

Appearance: Bright ruby color.

Aroma: Evokes red fruit, spices and shades of smokiness.

Taste: Harmonious structure is the result of the balance between Fine tannins, good body and notable finish.

Accompaniment: Best enjoyed with grilled red meat and poultry.



Montes Folly

Origin: Santa Cruz (Colchagua)

Vintage: 2005

Alcohol level: 15%

Size: 750ml

Grape Variety: 100% Syrah

Appearance: Deep ruby red color.

Aroma: Defined presence of mature dark fruits (berrie's marmelade) and cassis with perfectly integrated vanilla notes.

Taste: In the mouth there are layers of ripe black fruit, black cherries and ripe plums, beautifully integrated with the smokiness typically from Syrah. Mouthfilling and lengthy.

Cellaring Recommendations: Montes Folly can be fully enjoyed right now but will improve over a long cellaring in excess of 20 years.

The two montes wines above are for Diplomats only, the other two are duty-paid goods.

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Montes Purple Angel

Origin: Apalta and Marchigüe Montes single estates

Vintage: 2004

Alcohol level: 14.5%

Size: 750ml

Grape Variety: 92% Carmenere +8% Petit Verdot

Appearance: Deep purple color.

Aroma: Delicate with hints of chocolate and cigar box aromas.

Taste: This wine is full bodied, with a considerably amount of ripe tannins giving grip and structure. Mouthfilling with a very long finish.

Cellaring Recommendations: Over 10 years.



Breathable Glasses

The German Eisch company took 5 years to create a new kind of glass called "Breathable Glasses", which are made from a special raw material mixture in lead-free crystal-glass quality. After the actual manufacturing process, the glass undergo an oxygenizing treatment which gives the breathable glasses its unique properties. A wine poured into a breathable glass for just 5 minutes will show signs of aeration equivalent to the same wine that has been decanted and aerated for 1 to 2 hours. This fully natural process take place within the wine itself, just in minutes. The original character and structure of the wine are preserved, yet the wine's aroma and palate impression become more open and generous, just as they would with an hour or more of aeration. In addition to wine, breathable glasses can also lead to improvements with spirits, fruit juices, and mineral water. The breathable glasses does not lose its effectiveness- ever! It also does not have any special cleaning requirements. Wash it as you would other quality crystal glass.

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