

PRESTIGE

HOTELS TO DINE FOR

VIK CHILE CHILE

A couple of hours south of Santiago, capital of Chile, the Colchagua Valley is one centre of the country's increasingly respected wine industry. Running westward from the Andes towards the Pacific Ocean, it's also where billionaire Norwegian businessman Alexander Vik decided to build a 29-guestroom hotel. Fashioned from titanium, steel and glass, it stands next to a 5,200-hectare wine estate Vik also acquired, and now serves as a bucolic art-filled retreat for gastronomes and vinophiles. Surrounded by hills, and with snow-covered peaks glistening in the distance, the result is every bit as spectacular as its owner intended, not least because the property is covered by a vast gleaming canopy whose roughly hammered surface reflects the sunlight in every direction. By day, take a horseback ride through the vineyards or simply soak up the sun poolside; after dark, dine on dishes concocted from locally sourced produce, which are washed down with superb wines that are grown, fermented and bottled just metres away. ☑



Glass walls reveal spectacular views on every side



Barrels in the winery cellars



Vik Chile's vast metallic canopy stands in contrast to the green surroundings