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Caliboro is just what Maule needs: a small-scale, foreign-owned wine producer dedicated to terroir-driven wine and prepared to champion the region as a result. The first release was a single wine, the 2001 Erasmus, a blend of sixty per cent Cabernet Sauvignon, thirty per cent Merlot, and ten per cent Cabernet Franc. For a debut vintage, it shows astounding class, depth, and intensity, with a ripe, steeped fruit and roasted herb character matched by a tight-knit, stylish palate. It somehow manages to reflect the warmth and rusticity of the Maule terroir while retaining a structure and style more readily associated with Europe.