

Explora announces exclusive partnership with CV Family Estates to offer travellers

** Tailor-made Wine Programmes to Chile's Alto Cachapoal Valley **



Pioneers in experiential travel to South America's most remote and unexplored areas, **explora** is excited to announce its partnership with **CV Family Estates** to offer an exclusive wine programme to travellers visiting explora properties in Chile's **Atacama, Patagonia or Easter Island**.

From August 2009, explora travellers are invited to join one or two day excursions to visit the wine regions of the **Alto Cachapoal Valley** for tours and tasting sessions at the Viña Porta wineries and walks through the estates and vineyards. explora travellers will be accommodated at the newly restored **Casa Porta**, a secluded 1875 colonial-style house turned boutique hotel with sophisticated enological facilities such as an underground cellar, barrel room wine bar and tasting room. Its **five bedrooms and wedding suite** offer the feel of a private family home offering ultimate privacy and expansive views across the 100 year old park in front of the house.

Founded by a Spanish family in 1954, **Viña Porta** launched its first line of boutique wines in 1992 and was then bought by VC Family Estates in 1997. The Company's local expertise and innovative ideas have transformed the estate into one of the most important wine production destinations in the Cachapoal Valley. Winemakers Jessica Tomei, from the United States, and Ana Salomo, from Chile, work tirelessly to maintain tradition whilst employing the latest technology to make uniquely aromatic and flavorful wines.

explora is proud to exclusively invite its travellers to experience 1-2 day tailor-made wine programmes to Casa Porta as a perfect complement to an active break at explora in Atacama, Patagonia or Easter Island.

One-day explora wine programmes start from US \$120 per person based on double occupancy to include transfers to and from Santiago Airport, accommodation at Casa Porta, open bar plus tours and wine tastings of Casa Porta winery.

Two-day explora wine programmes start from US \$240 per person based on double occupancy to include transfers to and from Santiago Airport, accommodation, open

bar, tour of Casa Porta winery, wine tasting, tour and lunch in Viña Gracia and tour to nearby vineyard.

“explora Passport” offers **complimentary one-night stays** at Casa Porta for travellers booking two explora properties and **complimentary two-night stays** to travellers booking all three of their properties.

For further information about explora wine programmes, please visit
http://www.explora.com/casa_porta.php

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Notes to editors:

explora is not so much a hotel group as a revolutionary travel experience. It is an enterprise, founded in 1989, to encourage a new attitude towards travel for those who have a passion for discovering new places and new people, in remote and relatively unexplored regions of the southern tip of South America. Explora owns and operates three hotels – explora Atacama, Hotel de Larache, explora Patagonia, Hotel Salto Chico and explora Rapa Nui, Easter Island - together with four different Travesías that travel through Atacama, Easter Island, Patagonia, Argentina and the salt flats of Bolivia.