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52 Places to Go in 2024

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O'Higgins, Chile

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This overlooked region south of Santiago has been facing a changing climate, wildfires that are threatening hundred-year-old grapevines, frequent earthquakes and undervalued traditions. So a group of local cooks, winemakers and artisan growers have [joined](#) to preserve their campesino, or rural farmer, identity. In late 2023 their initiative, known as Ruta de los Abastos, began offering rural culinary experiences to connect visitors to local beekeepers, oyster farmers and other producers.

Markets and restaurants — like [El Abasto](#) in the city of Rancagua and the vineyard-based restaurants at [Food and Wine Studio](#) and [Viña Vik](#) — are highlighting regional ingredients like locally raised lamb, salt from the coast at Cahuil and a rustic, low-alcohol wine called chacolí, produced by area growers. On the coast around Pichilemu and Punta de Lobos, amid minimalist beach lodges like [Hotel Alaia](#), locavore seafood with natural wine lists — like those found at [Mareal](#) — dominates the scene.

— *Nicholas Gill*