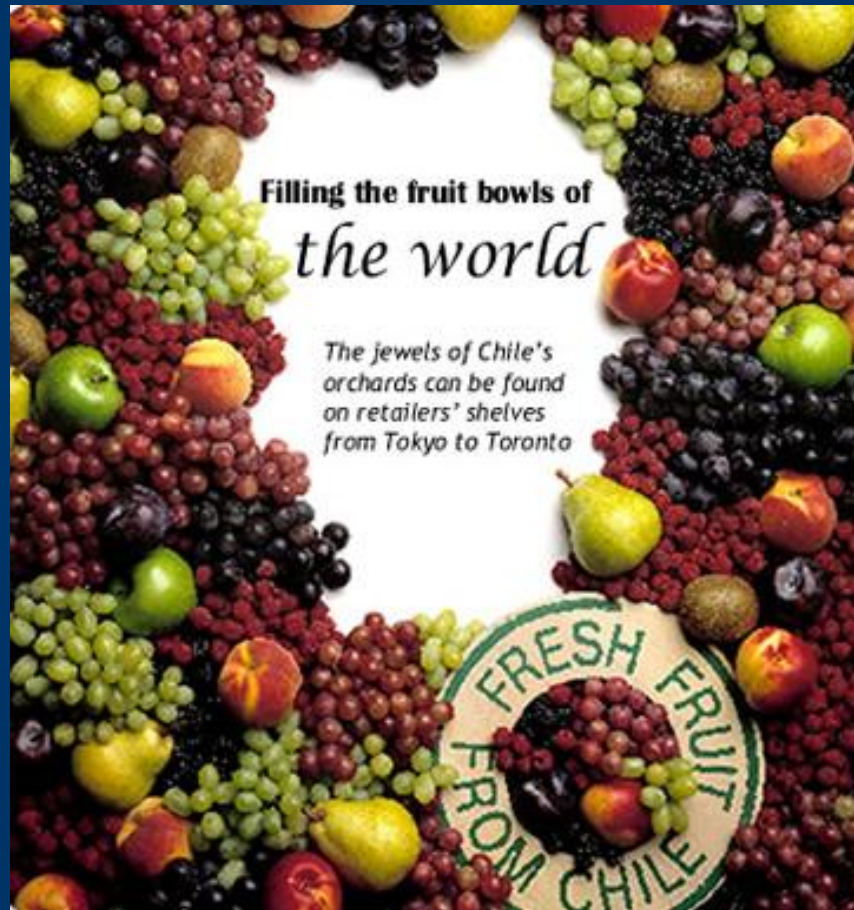


# Living the Neoliberal Dream?

## Agribusiness Expansion and Labour in Chile



# Introduction

- **Chile's rapid economic growth** (Kay, 1997, Gwynne, 2002; Murray, 2002; and others)
- **Rural inequalities and land ownership concentration** (Gwynne, 2002; Murray, 1997, Wunderlich, 1958)
- **Model to be applied in other developing countries?** (Murray, 2006)
- **Chile's model and social implications?**

# Aim

To gain a greater understanding of how further land concentration, encouraged by neoliberal policy, has affected vulnerable labour groups in rural Chile, with specific focus on employees of large wine producers



Indomita winery, Casablanca

# Research Context

- **Structuralist critique** (Kay, 2002; Murray, 2002 and others)
- **Exclusive development**
- **Expansion of agribusiness and flexible/temporary labour** (Barrientos, 1997; Schurman 2001, and others)
- **Lack of knowledge about this labour- Quality of life?**



Women employees at a Chilean peach processing plant



# Research Questions

- Why are vulnerable rural groups increasingly taking flexible/temporary labour roles?
- For what reasons have flexible/temporary roles been filled? Are there voluntary or involuntary reasons?
- What sort of standards of living and working conditions do these flexible/temporary employees have?
- How do the living and working conditions of urban-rural migrant workers compare with their rural counterparts?

# Methodology and Methods

## Methodology:

- Mixed method approach
- Critical structuralist/dependency lens

## Methods:

- Literature and data reviews
- Semi-structured interviews and questionnaires

# Significance and Outcomes

- Further critical structuralist theory
- Establish how agribusiness expansion has affected vulnerable labour groups
- Greater understanding of Chile's neoliberal model and effects on rural inequalities

Thank you and any questions?