

Atardecer, Entre Cristales y Cóndores, Free Ascent

Chile, Cochamó Valley

In February 2024, shortly after completing a team-free ascent of Riders on the Storm (1,300m, 5.13a) on the Central Tower of Paine, Siebe Vanhee (Belgium) headed to Cochamó Valley and made a free ascent of Entre Cristales y Cóndores. Located up the Anfiteatro Valley on Atardecer, the 11-pitch route was established at 5.12- C1 in 2022 by Thomas Gilmore and Kevin Heinrich (AAJ 2023). Only the 30m tenth pitch had yet to go free. Vanhee freed the 5.13b overhanging hand and finger crack on his third try, placing gear.

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