



CABERNET SAUVIGNON SINGLE VINEYARD 2009 – LA CAPILLA ESTATE

VITICULTURE

Vineyard: The grapes for this wine were selected from the best sectors of blocks 1, 2 and 3 of our La Capilla vineyard, located close to the town of Peraillo in the Colchagua Valley. These blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon are 18 years old, on average.

Soil: Shallow alluvial soil with very good drainage and low fertility, with a high percentage of sand and limestone, and compact sandstone at a depth of 1 meter.

Climate: Annual precipitation was 694 mm, concentrated in the winter months. Summer was dry, with no rainfall at all until May 3rd. The 2009 harvest season was relatively warm in Chile, which led to wines with very good concentration.

Vineyard management: The vineyard is planted to a density of 3,334 vines per hectare and trained to a low vertical shoot position and spur-pruned. The shoots were debudded in spring and in early summer, while manual leaf pulling in early March increased exposure of the grapes.

VINIFICATION

Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvesting: Clusters are first selected in the vineyard and only those in optimal condition are harvested. The grapes were hand-selected, then destemmed and crushed before being placed in the tank. A 7-day cold pre-fermentation maceration followed at 8–10° C (46–50° F), to enhance extraction. Alcoholic fermentation was carried out with selected yeasts in stainless steel tanks at 28°– 30°C (82–86° F) with 2 pumpovers daily, finishing with a 2-week post-fermentation maceration. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally in the barrels. The wine was aged in oak barrels and very lightly filtered before bottling.

Oak: The wine was aged for 18 months in new (60%) and second-use (40%) French oak barrels.

LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.8% vol

pH: 3.57

Total Acidity: 5.1 g/l

Residual Sugar: 3.2 g/l

Volatile Acidity: 0.52 g/l

TASTING NOTES

A deep ruby red color with an intense, ripe and elegant nose marked by notes of cassis and black cherries intermingled with the very distinctive subtle leather notes of the La Capilla terroir. The palate is very smooth but well structured, with a fine balance of tannins and acidity that leads to a lingering, enjoyable finish.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Ready to drink now or cellar up to 2019.

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