



2010 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	Edgard Carter
REGION :	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS :	91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION :	Aged for 18 months in 100% French oak
ANALYSIS :	14.0% alc/vol TA: 5.46 g/L pH: 3.64

VINEYARD :

The grapes for this single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon come from ten-year-old vines from Oveja Negra's El Condor block located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). Canopy management is avoided at El Condor given its balanced vigor which is an excellent sign of quality for this varietal. The crop load is thinned during veraison leaving behind all fruit with bad set and color delay. Yield was just over two tons per acre.

WINEMAKING :

The grapes were hand-picked the third week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for four days followed by a warm ferment in open stainless steel tanks lasting 15-20 days and punch downs took place three times daily. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak.

TASTING NOTES :

The 2010 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is cherry-red in color and has an intensely aromatic profile that recalls ripe cherries and strawberries that mingle with a strong cassis character on the background. This year crafted a very expressive wine with good ripeness. Subtle oaky notes reveal a smooth cedar and mocha touch. On the palate the wine is firm, with tannins that are very present yet integrated through the long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

Not yet reviewed. 2009 - 89 pts Wine Enthusiast, 89 pts Stephen Tanzer

ABOUT OVEJA NEGRA :

Translated literally as "Black Sheep," Oveja Negra wines intend to stand out from the flock. True representations of Chile's Maule Valley, Oveja Negra wines sing strident of their roots, but are willing to challenge convention. The Maule Valley offers a significant diversity of soil types, allowing a wide range of grape varieties to grow. As part of the VIA Wines family, and with more than 2,500 acres of estate vineyards to work with, Winemaker Edgard Carter and his team have a constant source of inspiration for innovation and experimentation. The Reserva tier features unusual blends, such as a Sauvignon Blanc-Carmenere. Oveja Negra's Single Vineyard wines are crafted to make each Maule Valley vineyard site shine bright, combining a fruit-driven structure with modern winemaking techniques.



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