



2010 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD SYRAH

WINEMAKER:	Edgard Carter
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	92% Syrah, 5% Carignan, 3% Pais
MATURATION:	Aged for 18 months in French oak
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol TA: 5.54 g/L pH: 3.65

VINEYARD:

The grapes for this Syrah come from thirteen-year-old vines from Oveja Negra's La Esperanza 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). The winery carefully selects grapes from specific areas of four different clones - 100, 300, 99 and 174. Growing season diurnal temperatures allow for full varietal ripeness and color development. High temperatures, a lack of rain during January through April, and poor soils impart naturally healthy and balanced vine vigor. Yield was less than three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked the third week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle destemming. The grapes were cold macerated for four days followed by a warm ferment in open stainless steel tanks for three weeks. During fermentation the cap was punched down three times daily. The wine was then aged for 18 months in 100% French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

The Single Vineyard Syrah displays generous aromas of red fruits and violets. On the palate, elegant and concentrated fruit characters are perfectly integrated with toasty oak notes. Tannins are round and sweet balancing the excellent acidity and carry through, the long and supple finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed.

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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