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## 2011 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD SYRAH

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| <b>WINEMAKER :</b>  | Edgard Carter                          |
| <b>REGION :</b>     | Maule Valley, Chile                    |
| <b>VARIETALS :</b>  | 96% Syrah, 4% Viognier                 |
| <b>MATURATION :</b> | Aged for 18 months in French oak       |
| <b>ANALYSIS :</b>   | 13.5% alc/vol   TA: 4.9 g/L   pH: 3.50 |

### VINEYARD :

The grapes for this Syrah come from 1-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 last week of May and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. 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 :

This highly perfumed wine shows its maximum complexity as it opens in the glass to show floral notes recalling lavender and chamomile in balance with ripe red fruit. The palate is moderate and free of excesses. Delicious volume and texture.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 88 pts Wine Enthusiast

### 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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