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2012 OVEJA NEGRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON SYRAH RESERVA

WINEMAKER: Edgard Carter
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Syrah
MATURATION: 50% aged for 8-10 months in French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.28 g/L | pH: 3.64

VINEYARD:

The grapes for this Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah come from fifteen and thirteen-year-old vines from Oveja Negra's Condor and La Esperanza blocks 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). 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. If necessary, the crop load is thinned during veraison. Yield was between three and four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked between late March and late 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 three weeks with punch downs taking place three times daily. The wine was then aged for eight to ten months in 100% French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2012 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah has aromas of cassis, red currants and tart cherries followed by floral and dark berry characters. Tannins are fine yet firm and are well-balanced with the acidity and creaminess of the wine. Dark berry flavors continue on the palate mingled with toast and sweet spice notes on the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2011 vintage - 87 pts/*Best Buy 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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