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2012 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD CARMENÈRE

WINEMAKER : Edgard Carter
REGION : Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS : 92% Carmenère, 5% Carignan, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION : Aged for 18 months in French oak (28% new)
ANALYSIS : 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.1 g/L | pH: 3.65

VINEYARD :

The grapes for this single vineyard Carmenère come from fifteen-year-old vines from Oveja Negra's Rio Bonito 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). Growing season wide diurnal temperatures allow for full varietal ripeness and color development. High temperatures, a lack of rain during January through April, and moderately vigorous soils impart naturally healthy and balanced vine vigor. The crop load is thinned during veraison leaving behind all fruit with bad set or color delay. Yield was less than three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING :

The grapes were hand-picked the second week of May and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was warm fermented in open stainless steel tanks lasting three weeks and punch downs took place three times daily. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak, 28% of which was new.

TASTING NOTES :

This carmine-red Carmenère shows both the red and black sides of the variety. Red currants and maraschino cherries over a floral backdrop of rose petals with touches of bay leaf and graphite. Velvety yet firm tannins fill the palate with well-rounded depth to show a combination of structure and volume. The aromas reappear as flavors that marry very well with the subtle sweetness gained with oak aging and ending with a long and elegant finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

89 pts Vinous

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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