



## 2012 OVEJA NEGRA CHARDONNAY VIOGNIER RESERVA

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Edgard Carter
<b>REGION:</b>	Maule Valley, Chile
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	68% Chardonnay, 32% Viognier
<b>MATURATION:</b>	50% in stainless steel (aged on lees), 50% aged in French oak
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	13.5% alc/vol   TA: 4.80 g/L   pH: 3.32

### VINEYARD:

The Chardonnay and Viognier grapes come from Oveja Negra's Cuncos 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). The Mediterranean climate here is influenced by the tempering Pacific breezes and the Andes chilling effect. Rainfall is concentrated during the winter-spring months (Apr-Nov). During the growing season, the warm days help fully develop flavor ripeness and cool nights contribute to preserving good acidity. Yield was between four and five tons per acre.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in mid through late March and immediately transported to the winery where they were whole cluster pressed. This technique allows for a more elegant fruit expression in the final wines. The fruit was cool fermented for approximately 25 days in open stainless steel tanks and 10% of the grapes were fermented with wild yeast for 45 days. 50% of the wine was kept in-tank and aged sur-lie for a richer, creamy texture while the other 50% was aged in old French oak and acacia barrels for seven months.

### TASTING NOTES:

A great match of both chardonnay fruit and the intensity of the viognier perfume. Fragrant scents of quince, pineapple and floral notes on the nose. The wine is as fresh and lively on the palate with concentrated fruit characters, well balanced acidity, and a creamy texture.

### 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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