









2014 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD CARMENÈRE

WINEMAKER: **Edgard Carter** REGION: Maule Valley, Chile

VARIETALS: 97% Carmenère, 3% Petit Verdot

MATURATION: Aged for 18 months in French oak (25% new) ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.72 g/L | pH: 3.58

The grapes for this single vineyard Carmenère come 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 in May and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The must was then transferred to stainless steel tanks for fermentation which lasted seven days. Total maceration time was 28 days. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak, 25% of which was new.

TASTING NOTES:

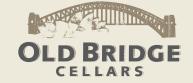
The fruity nose shows a predominance of black cherries accompanied by spices, mocha and mineral notes. The palate is smooth, with polished round tannins that fill the mouth with depth and volume. The flavors are reflective of the nose and complemented by a subtle sweetness from the oak ageing. The finish is long and elegant.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed.

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, 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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