



## 2010 OVEJA NEGRA THE LOST BARREL

<b>WINEMAKER:</b>	Edgard Carter
<b>REGION:</b>	Maule Valley, Chile
<b>VARIETALS:</b>	40% Syrah, 25% Carignan, 25% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot
<b>MATURATION:</b>	Aged for 18 months in French oak (30% new)
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	14.0% alc/vol   TA: 5.84 g/L   pH: 3.65

### VINEYARD:

The Lost Barrel is a blend of the best Oveja Negra lots from its estate vineyards in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). The wine's basic components come from Oveja Negra's San Rafael vineyard and the Carignan from its Melozal vineyard in Cauquenes. To achieve optimum maturity levels and adequate concentration in 2010, it was pivotal to maintain a well-balanced vegetative expression in the vines and low yields which were just over two tons per acre.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked the third week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle destemming. The grapes were cold macerated for four days followed by a warm ferment in open stainless steel tanks for 15-24 days. During fermentation the cap was punched down three times daily. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak (30% new barrels).

### TASTING NOTES:

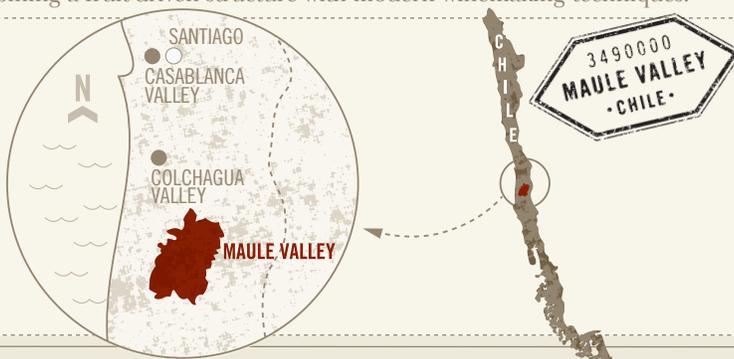
The Lost Barrel wine is intense both in its ruby-red color and aromatics of black and red fruits alongside notes of rose petals and red licorice. Some cedar, coffee and black plum notes appear both in the nose and palate. With a complex structure, firm tannins and a soft texture, this wine showcases excellent balance, bright acidity, and length.

### 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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