



2011 OVEJA NEGRA THE LOST BARREL

WINEMAKER:	Edgard Carter
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	38% Syrah, 36% Carignan, 14% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot
MATURATION:	Aged for 18 months in French oak (30% new)
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 4.87 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 components come from Oveja Negra's San Rafael vineyard and the its Melozal vineyard in Cauquenes. A cold spring, two early frost events and a warmer than average February saw the target yields of two tons per acre achieved with minimum intervention in the vineyard.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked throughout the month of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The grapes were cold macerated for five 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:

Dark ruby red in color. The complex nose features fresh fruit aromas of blueberries, strawberries and sour cherries as well as violet floral notes. The palate echoes the nose with fruity, floral flavors along with touches of licorice. The structure is firm with Petit Verdot playing an important role. A muscular wine with vibrant acidity accentuated by potent tannins. Tremendous persistence and an elegant finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Vinous, 90 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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