2013 OVEJA NEGRA THE LOST BARREL

WINEMAKER:	Edgard Carter
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	61% Carignan, 24% Cabernet Franc, 15% Petit Verdot
MATURATION:	Aged for 20 months in French oak (35% new)
ANALYSIS:	14.0% alc/vol | TA: 6.75 g/L | pH: 3.59

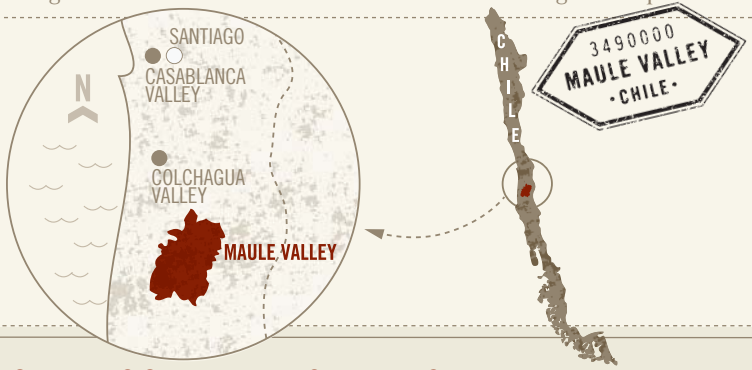
VINEYARD:
The Lost Barrel is a blend of the best Oveja Negra lots from its estate vineyards in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). The wine's components come from Oveja Negra's San Rafael vineyard and its Melozal vineyard in Cauquenes. Both vineyards enjoy a Mediterranean climate and are highly influenced by the Andes to the east and the cool Pacific Ocean to the west.

WINEMAKING:
The grapes were hand-picked the 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 fermentation in open stainless steel tanks for 7-10 days with daily punchdowns. Total maceration time was about 28 days. The wine was then aged for 20 months in French oak 35% of which were new.

TASTING NOTES:
The nose is complex and intense, with various layers of red fruits such as sour cherries and strawberries, along with notes of nuts, cedar and tobacco over a floral backdrop of jasmine along with some pencil lead. The palate is lush and fresh with an array of primary red and dark fruits as well as more complex oak derived flavors. The cold 2012/2013 growing season is expressed through the excellent acidity that balances the ripe fruit components. The tannins are supple but concentrated and the wine finishes long.

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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