



2015 OVEJA NEGRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON SYRAH RESERVA

WINEMAKER: Carlos Gatica
REGION: Colchagua Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Syrah
MATURATION: 40% aged for 10 months in seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.09 g/L | pH: 3.65

VINEYARD:

Oveja Negra's estate Nihue vineyard in the Colchagua Valley (80 miles south of Santiago). The Colchagua Valley differs from other Chilean wine regions in that it runs between two spurs of the Andes Mountains, one to the north and one to the south, separated by an average distance of 22 miles. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation which allows the grapes to ripen slowly with very good concentration and preservation of aromas and flavors. Winters are generally cold and rainy. Yield was between four and five tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked between late March and late April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The fruit was cold macerated for four days followed by a warm ferment in open stainless steel tanks lasting three weeks with punch downs taking place three times daily. 40% of the wine was aged for ten months in seasoned French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah shows a broad spectrum of red and dark fruits such as cassis and sour cherries through to blueberries, blackberries and Syrah derived floral notes. The mouthfeel is lush and shows some interesting creaminess. Firm but smooth tannins provide a sound frame to the well balanced palate.

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 100% estate fruit to work with, Winemaker Carlos Gatica 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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