



2015 OVEJA MALBEC PETIT VERDOT RESERVA

WINEMAKER :	Carlos Gatica
REGION :	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS :	Malbec (75%), Petit Verdot (25%)
MATURATION :	50% in neutral French and American oak for 10 months
ANALYSIS :	13.0% alc/vol TA: 5.31 g/L pH: 3.63

VINEYARD :

Oveja Negra's estate San Rafael vineyard is located in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). The Mediterranean climate here is influenced by the tempering Pacific breezes and the Andes chilling effect. Rainfall is concentrated during the winter-spring months (Apr-Nov). During the growing season, the warm days help fully develop flavor ripeness and cool nights contribute to preserving good acidity. Yield was between four and five tons per acre.

WINEMAKING :

The grapes were hand-picked in March. The fruit was de-stemmed but not crushed to avoid excessive berry breakage and to minimize harsh flavors. All Malbec and Petit Verdot lots underwent a four to six day cold soak. Fermentation followed and lasted 24 days with pumpovers occurring each day. The wine was naturally stabilized during the winter and earth-filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES :

Deep purple with a crimson hue in color, this is a tremendously aromatic blend. It offers notes of violets that lead to black fruits such as blueberries and blackberries. The Malbec lends juiciness and sweet tannins to the palate, while the Petit Verdot contributes black fruit flavors and a tannic backbone, providing ample structure to the elegant finish.

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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