



2014 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	Carlos Gatica
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION:	Aged for 18 months in French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.40 g/L pH: 3.49

VINEYARD:

Oveja Negra's estate Nilahue vineyard in the Colchagua Valley. The 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 just over two tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked and immediately transported to the winery and rigorously sorted. After a gentle de-stemming the fruit was cold macerated for four days followed by fermentation in open stainless steel tanks lasting 15-20 days with punch downs occurring when needed. Total maceration time was 32 days. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak and was lightly filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2014 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has an intensely aromatic profile with a fusion of fresh fruit notes such as cherries and strawberries. Its pronounced cassis character and mineral notes of pencil lead speak to its varietal typicity. Subtle notes of oak and cedar appear on the backdrop. The palate presents firm yet smooth tannins. A tremendously rich and elegant wine with a persistent, refreshing 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 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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