



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:

The grapes for this single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon come from fourteen-year-old vines from Oveja Negra's El Condor block located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). Canopy management is avoided at El Condor given its balanced vigor which is an excellent sign of quality for this varietal. The crop load is thinned during veraison and all fruit with bad set and color delay is discarded. 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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