



2015 OVEJA NEGRA SINGLE VINEYARD CARMENÈRE

WINEMAKER:	Carlos Gatica
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	97% Carmenère, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION:	Aged for 18 months in French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS:	13.7% alc/vol TA: 5.72 g/L pH: 3.58

VINEYARD:

The grapes for this single vineyard Carmenère come from Oveja Negra's Rio Bonito 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). Wide growing season diurnal temperatures allow for full varietal ripeness and color development. High temperatures, a lack of rain during January through April, and moderately vigorous soils impart naturally healthy and balanced vine vigor. The crop load is thinned during veraison leaving behind all fruit with bad set or color delay. Yield was less than three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in May and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The must was then transferred to stainless steel tanks for fermentation which lasted seven days. Total maceration time was 28 days. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak, 25% of which was new.

TASTING NOTES:

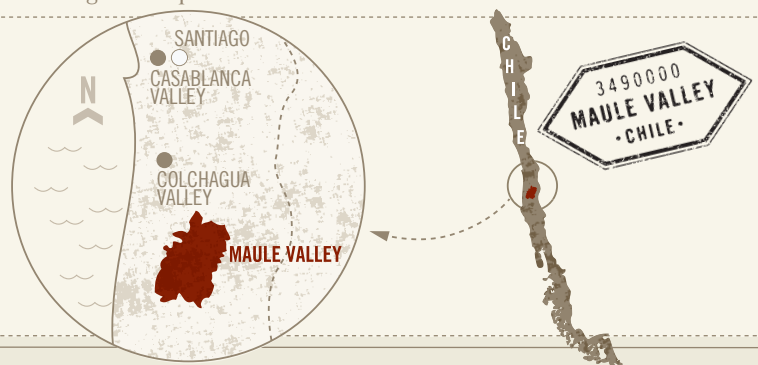
Bright carmine-red in color with a predominance of black cherry aromas on the fruity nose and accompanied by spices, mocha, and mineral notes. The palate is smooth, with nicely polished, mouthfilling tannins and good depth and volume. The flavors are consistent with the nose and are complemented by a subtle sweetness that comes with oak aging. The wine ends with a long and persistent 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, 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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