



## 2015 OVEJA NEGRA THE LOST BARREL

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| <b>WINEMAKER :</b>  | Carlos Gatica                                      |
| <b>REGION :</b>     | Maule Valley, Chile                                |
| <b>VARIETALS :</b>  | 61% Carignan, 24% Cabernet Franc, 15% Petit Verdot |
| <b>MATURATION :</b> | Aged for 20 months in French oak (35% new)         |
| <b>ANALYSIS :</b>   | 14.5% alc/vol   TA: 5.80 g/L   pH: 3.62            |

### VINEYARD :

The Lost Barrel is a blend of the best Oveja Negra lots from its estate vineyards in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). The wine's components come from Oveja Negra's San Rafael vineyard and its Melozal vineyard in Cauquenes. Both vineyards enjoy a Mediterranean climate and are highly influenced by the Andes to the east and the cool Pacific Ocean to the west.

### WINEMAKING :

The grapes were hand-picked throughout the month of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The grapes were cold macerated for five days followed by fermentation in open stainless steel tanks for 7-10 days with daily punchdowns. Total maceration time was about 28 days. The wine was then aged for 20 months in French oak 35% of which were new.

### TASTING NOTES :

The 2015 Lost Barrel represents the best of the Maule Valley through a blend of Carignan, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot selected from our best vineyards. This wine is an intense violets-red in color with tremendous aromatic intensity characterized by notes of fresh red fruits such as ripe raspberries and blackcurrants. The palate features highly concentrated flavors and firm tannins in a wine with great structure, depth and balance, vibrant freshness, and a long persistent finish.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

91 pts [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com)

### 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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