

SANTA Estampilla



RESERVA

Merlot

Variety: Merlot
Appellation: D.O. Maule Valley
Winemaker: Claudio Gonçalves
Bottling: Estate bottled
Alcohol: 13,5°

Vineyards The grapes come from our estate vineyards in Villa Alegre, 285 km south of Santiago in the Maule Valley. The soils are derived from volcanic ash and consist of sandy to sandy-loam earth. The vineyards are flat and receive an excellent exposure to sunlight. The yields are carefully controlled so as to produce concentrated and elegant wines.

Climate The Villa Alegre region of Chile has a Mediterranean- style climate. Winter rains are plentiful and summers are dry with marked temperature variations between day and night, thereby allowing the grapes to obtain superb tannin development as well as excellent aromas and color concentration.

Vinification The grapes were harvested by hand at the middle of April. In order to extract color and aromas the must underwent skin contact at low temperatures prior to alcoholic fermentation. The must is then fermented in stainless steel tanks with selected yeasts at temperatures ranging between 26° to 28°C during a seven-day period. The wine is then left to macerate for five additional days in order to extract its tannins characteristics. The wine is then placed in oak barrels only for eight months to keep the balance of fruit and oak Then is bottled without filtering to maintain its extraordinary fruits qualities.

Notes from our Winemaker Our Merlot Reserve has an intense red rubí. It is a fine sample of a complex wine with dry fruits and truffle. In mouth is spicy and humid soil taste. Its tannins are mellow and soft with a pleasant and silky aftertaste. A great match to pasta, lightly spiced red meats, and soft cheeses.

Recommended serving temperature Between 16° - 18°C

