

ACONCAGUA ALTO

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VINEYARDS

APPELLATION: Aconcagua Valley

The grapes for the Aconcagua Alto Carmenère primary come from a selection of different Max's vineyard blocks in the Aconcagua Valley. Located in the interior of the valley, the vineyard soils have a predominantly silty texture and are of colluvial origin. The special conditions of nutrition and drainage of the diverse soils help control plant vigour, producing balanced fruit loads with small bunches and berries.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a winter within the historical ranges in temperatures and precipitations, mild and dry conditions followed during the months of August and September. As a result, higher temperatures and dry soils, bud break arrived earlier this season. As spring and summer unfolded, we experienced dry conditions along with steady warm temperatures, particularly during November and January, leading to ideal conditions for an optimal flowering, fruit set and veraison, and a healthy crop. During the spring months when we experienced a higher heat summation of nearly 8% more than historical records, that favored a healthy flowering and fruit set, and was followed by a milder summer. March blessed with a relief in the overall warm temperatures of the summer, allowing the grapes to gently continue ripening, while preserving their acidity and freshness.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes where handpicked, double sorted and then crushed. The must was deposited into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Then, the wine was moved directly to French oak barrels, 30% of which were new, where it underwent malolactic fermentation and was aged for a total of 14 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage of Aconcagua Alto Carmenère displays a beautiful cherry red color with violet hues. The nose delivers black cherries, cigar box, black olives, roasted red pepper and a soft hint of ripe blackberries. With an elegant entrance, the palate offers red and black fruits accompanied by soft notes of tobacco, cloves and some bitter chocolate. With silky tannins, it delivers a great sensation of freshness and good volume, with a long and pleasant finish.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

COMPOSITION: 100% Carmenère

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

PH: 3.45

residual sugar: 1.86 g/L

AGEING: 14 months in French oak barrels, 30% of which were new

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.98 g/L (in tartaric acid)

