

Assemblage

2019

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#### VINEYARD

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#### VINTAGE SUMMARY

In the Cauquenes Valley, the start of the 2018-2019 season was cool and rainy. As a result, yields were lower by as much as 20% but grapes were concentrated in flavors, with good acidity and great color. The good temperatures and light conditions, as well as the absence of rain during the harvest, allow us to affirm that the quality of this season's wines was optimal.

## VINIFICATION

The Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes used in this blend were handpicked separately. They were subsequently taken to the winery for de-stemming and crushing before being transferred to stainless steel tanks where they underwent cold maceration at 28° C, approximately. The final blend was aged in contact with French oak for 8 months and bottled a year after fermentation had been completed.



## TASTING NOTES

Intense purple color with ruby red sparks. The nose delivers aromas of juicy red fruit, vanilla, nutmeg, smoke, and tobacco leaves. A light-bodied blend, with fine and engaging tannins, notes of fresh red fruit, a floral undertone of violets, dark chocolate, and a finish of dry herbs that lingers pleasantly on the palate.

## PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Bacon-wrapped venison tenderloin and mashed potatoes, Goulash with Spaetzle, cheese fresh pasta.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Vintage: 2019.

Appellation: Cauquenes Valley

Grape Varieties: 80% Malbec / 20%

Cabernet Sauvignon.

Alcohol Content: 15% vol.

pH: 3.50

Residual Sugar: 3,5 g/l.

Serving Temperature: 16° – 18°C.

Winemaker: Alejandro Wedeles.





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In Cauquenes, the 2020-2021 growing season was close to a normal year, with significant winter rainfall that mitigated somewhat the long drought that has affected by the dryfarmed inland areas of Maule. These rains, in addition to a spring of moderate temperatures, gave way to the budding and blooming at the expected time. Towards the end of January, this area saw some unusual medium-intensity rains that did not, however, damage the grapes. As a result, summer temperatures dropped a little, and the soils accumulated sufficient moisture, allowing the grapes to enjoy a long and balanced ripening process.

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