

The state-of-the art winery at Errazuriz has been thoughtfully designed to minimize energy usage year-round.



# MAX Carmenere 2018

## Aconcagua Valley, Chile

## **ESTATE**

Errázuriz is recognized as perhaps the single top quality producer of Chilean wines. Within recent years, Eduardo Chadwick, President, was named Decanter Man of the Year 2018 and the winery was awarded Best Chilean Winery 2017 by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

The grape long-lost in Bordeaux that has become a unique signature in Chile, MAX Carmenere is captivating with aromas of spice and black fruit on the nose, along with black pepper, toast and a long, silky palate. This voluptuous, juicy wine is generous in soft tannins, and its tremendous concentration and typicity promise excellent cellaring potential.

## **VINEYARD**

Soils: Planted on soils of alluvial and colluvial origin, with a variable percentage of clay and stones, good drainage and depth for the roots to explore.

Farming: Environmentally friendly processes include using gravity instead of pumps to move wine, controlling temperatures with wind in underground ducts to avoid use of air conditioning, and using solar panels and special window glass to save energy.

## WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Carmenere

Fermentation: Handpicked, sorted, destemmed, curshed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. The grapes had a total maceration for 15-25 days.

Aging: 12 months in French oak barrels, 25% new

Alcohol: 13.5%

## **VINTAGE**

The 2018 vintage in the interior of the Aconcagua Valley will be remembered by its idyllic climate with an overall heat summation that was only 1% higher than average. The moderate temperatures allowed for a very balanced ripening and harvesting.



I had not tasted the Carmenere from the Max vineyards for a while until they presented the still-unbottled 2018 Max Reserva Carmenere. The grapes were hand picked early in the morning and went through a sorting table before being crushed and put in stainless steel to ferment. The wine matured for 12 months in French oak barrels, 30% of them new. It's intensely herbal and spicy, varietal and defined, with clean aromas and focused flavors. The palate is juicy and tender, with moderate acidity and a soft mouthfeel." - RP, 2/2020

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