

Root: 1 Carménère

Category	Red
Grapes	90 % Carménère, 5 % Cabernet-sauvignon, 5 % Syrah
Appellation	Valle del Rapel (DO)
Producer	Viña Ventisquero
Country	Chile
Region	Valle de Colchagua
Size	750 ml
Degree of alcohol	13,5 %
Operating temperature	15-16 °C
Available	Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

Vinification and maturation

This vintage was an atypical one in Chile, and the summer was one of the hottest in recent years. High temperatures accelerated grape ripening and moved the harvest up by two to three weeks in some areas. Special consideration was also made to manage vine foliage during the high temperatures in order to protect bunches from direct sunlight. The Carménère grapes are very ripe with concentrated flavor and excellent sugar and phenol levels. The wines for this vintage show rich, ripe aromas, with elegant flavor and outstanding quality.

Features

Intense violet color with ripe aromas of blackberries and warm spice. Full-bodied and fruit-forward with plum, cherry and a hint of smoke. Smooth tannins and good structure create perfect balance and a powerful finish with notes of vanilla.

Food Pairings

Try Root: 1 Carmenera with hearty chili, pork stew or barbecue ribs. Serve with roasted eggplant parmesan or vegetarian lasagna, or pair it with rich cheeses like Camembert or Brie

Medals / Press reviews

2013 vintage - 89 pts, Ben MacPhee-Sigurdson, Winealign, Sep 28, 2015 "This Casablanca Valley carmenère melds just the right amount of brambly dark berry notes with leafy, anise-driven notes. That balance persists on the full-bodied palate, where the blackberry, raspberry and cherry flavours work with leafy, herbal and anise notes, indicating spot-on ripeness. A touch of smoke and white pepper accentuates the modest tannins as well. Quite the value."

Product codes

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