

ERRAZURIZ

FAMILY WINES SINCE 1870

Errazuriz MAX Chardonnay

DO ACONCAGUA COSTA

2016



Total Acidity:

5.92g/L

Alcohol:

13.0%

Residual Sugar:

1.67g/L

pH:

3.17



ESTATE

Don Maximiano Errazuriz founded Viña Errazuriz in 1870 in the Aconcagua Valley, 65 miles north of the capital, Santiago. Recognizing that this valley, with its hot, dry summers and moist Pacific Ocean breezes, was ideal for growing grapes, Don Maximiano sent for the finest clones from France and with tenacity and perseverance transformed this barren land into a world-class vineyard. Today, the tradition of quality lives on with Don Maximiano's descendant, Eduardo Chadwick.

WINE

MAX Chardonnay is produced from grapes grown at the Errazuriz vineyards in Manzanar, a 2,500-acre property with rolling hills located just 7 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The cool meso-climate is ideal for growing cold-climate varieties such as Chardonnay. 70 acres of three Dijon clones of Chardonnay were planted there in 2005. Clone 548 produces grapes with tremendous concentration and structure, while grapes

from clone 95 are very aromatic, with citrus and tropical notes. Clone 76 adapts very well to the cold-climate conditions, and ripens quite early in the season.

VINEYARD

The vineyards are drip irrigated and trellised to vertical shoot position on soils that have a thin, 40-80 cm layer of loam texture over a layer of clay and broken slate-like rocks (schist) that is responsible for the minerality found in Errazuriz' wines from the coast.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were handpicked early in the morning and whole-cluster pressed. The must was cold decanted in stainless steel tanks in pursuit of greater clarity. Fermentation took place in French oak barrels, 17% new and the rest of second or third use. Approximately 30% of the final blend underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine stayed in touch with its finest lees while ageing for 10 months in barrels.

"This Chardonnay is from the first vines Errazuriz planted in Manzanar, nine miles off the Pacific Coast. Now ten years old, they produced a wine with vivid white fruit flavors, spice notes and firm acidity that creates a vertical impression to the structure."

– 91 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine, Best Buy

"Minerally and rich-tasting, with finely crafted flavors of apple, citrus, pear and spice that are supported by fresh acidity. Crunchy dried savory notes power the finish. Drink now through 2021."

– 91 Points Wine Spectator

"A tangy and delicious white with cooked apple, lemon rind and orange zest character. Medium body, bright finish. Very pretty wine. Always a vivid chardonnay."

– 91 Points James Suckling

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