



# ERRAZURIZ

FAMILY WINES SINCE 1870

## Don Maximiano 2016

### Aconcagua Valley

#### ESTATE

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

#### WINE

Introduced with the 1983 vintage, Don Maximiano was among the first of the new generation of "Super-Chileans." The flagship for the estate and a global symbol of how distinct and extraordinary the wines of Chile can be, this world class Cabernet oozes with irresistible fruit that is detailed, balanced and long.

#### VINEYARD

*Soils:* The soils are volcanic, colluvial and piedmont (Max I and II) or alluvial (Max V) in origin, with good drainage conferring low to moderate vigor.

*Farming:* Certified Sustainable. 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.

*Grape Varieties:* 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot, 8% Carmenere and 3% Cabernet Franc

#### WINEMAKING

The must was fermented in small-volume stainless steel tanks to maximize contact between the juice and the skins, using selected yeasts at temperatures that fluctuated between 75° and 82°F. Three daily pumpovers moved 0.5–1.5 times the volume of the tanks, depending on the level of extraction desired in each case. Total maceration time was 8 to 30 days at 75°–82°F, depending on the lot. All of the lots were aged for 22 months in French oak barrels, 65% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation, clarification, and stabilization occurred naturally in the barrels.

#### VINTAGE

The overall cooler-than-average 2016 growing season at the Don Maximiano Vineyard delivered sophisticated wines that beautifully balance elegance with genuine power. The superbly delineated flavors are both fresh and fully ripe.



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#### JAMES SUCKLING

"Fjord black fruits on the nose. This wine also has the signature freshness of modern Chilean reds. I love the crispness at the very long finish. There's plenty of tannic power, too, but the wine remains delicate. Silky texture."