



ERRAZURIZ

FAMILY WINES SINCE 1870

Don Maximiano 2017 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 "SuperChileans." 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: 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: 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 8% Carmenere, 7% Petit Verdot, and 6% 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 12 to 30 days. All of the lots were aged for 22 months in French oak barrels, 72% of which were new. Malolactic fermentation, clarification, and stabilization occurred naturally in the barrels.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage in the Don Maximiano vineyard will be remembered by the hot temperatures recorded throughout the season. Nevertheless, the winery was able to manage this scenario favorably by a careful irrigation management in the vineyards, increasing the water supply during the hottest periods and by harvesting significantly earlier. In turn, the wines produced reflect the outstanding quality of terroir, balancing concentration, power and velvety tannins, along with freshness and fruit intensity.

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"Currants, flowers, sandalwood and crushed stone. Some cocoa. Medium to full body and linear, tight tannins. Bright and fresh. Energetic. Shows serious tension and focus. Excellent finish."