
SILVESTRE CARIGNAN



Appellation: Lolol, Colchagua Valley

Grapes: 100% Carignan

Alcohol Content: 12°

Harvesting Method: Hand-picked

Annual Production: 8,266 bottles

Winemaking:

- Fermented spontaneously using native yeast in stainless-steel tanks.
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation at spring temperatures in neutral French oak barrels.
- Unfiltered, unfined
- Unpressed
- Settled by gravity
- Aged 18 months in old neutral French oak barrels.

The Vineyard: This 80-year old organic vineyard belonging to the Villalobos Family has been kept in its wild state, without any pruning or irrigation. The vineyard's distinguishing feature is its untouched wilderness where for over 40 years Carignan vines have grown alongside native vegetation.

The vineyard is quite biodiverse hosting a wide variety of native species of Chilean flora and fauna such as culen, maiten, quillay and hawthorn trees, sweet briar, among others. These unique surroundings are essential to keeping the vines pest- and disease-free.

Our vines grow freely climbing nearby trees for support. In fact, some vines grow so high that they tower six meters above the trees.

The vineyard is located a mere 30 km from the Pacific coast at 100 meters above sea level, nestled in a valley marked by a warm, temperate climate where the dry season lasts six to eight months out of the year. Daily temperature differences can be up to 20 degrees, especially in the summer months when they can range from 30° C to 10° C.

Tasting Notes:

Color and Appearance: Bright, medium ruby.

Aroma: A touch of wild blackberry and maqui Berry with elegant definition.

Taste: Tannins are delicate, velvety, soft and round. Acidity is lively in the mouth with hints of cherry and strawberry with a persistent finish.

Pairing: Grilled white meat, rabbit, pasta and French cheese; shellfish and fish in general.

Recommendations: Serve at 15° C

AWARDS



First Place: Best Carignan in Chile (92 pts), 2011 Descorchados Wine Guide, Vintage 2009.

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First Place: Best Carignan (94 pts), 2019 Vinau Wine Guide, Vintage 2017.

Innovation Award: *Wiken* magazine and *El Mercurio* Newspaper 2012.

World Wine Atlas: Only label chosen to represent South American wines at the World Atlas of Wine’s Chilean wine section, published in October 2013 by Mitchell Beazley.

National Scores:

Descorchados Wine Guide: 92 points for Silvestre Carignan 2009.

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Descorchados Wine Guide: 93 points for Silvestre Carignan 2011.

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Descorchados Wine Guide: 93 points for Silvestre Carignan 2015.

Descorchados Wine Guide: 94 points for Silvestre Carignan 2016.

Descorchados Wine Guide: 93 points for Silvestre Carignan 2017.

Vinau Wine Guide: 94 points for Silvestre Carignan 2017.

International Scores:

Wine Advocate Robert Parker: 88 points for Silvestre Carignan 2011.

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Wine Advocate Robert Parker: 91 points for Silvestre Carignan 2013.

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Wine Advocate Robert Parker: 93 points for Silvestre Carignan 2018.

Tim Atkin: 91 points for Silvestre Carignan 2018.