

MAQUIS *Viola*



VINTAGE

2022

ORIGIN

Colchagua Valley

VARIETIES

100% Carménère

ALCOHOL

13.5%

R.S: 2.4 g/L

T.A: 3.58 g/L

PH: 3.52

VIOLA 2022

Viola is a unique Carmenère from Chile, seeking to express the utmost purity of the variety by avoiding any green or overripe notes in its aromas, while giving a primary role to the variety's red fruit and floral aromas. Its structure is rather feminine, with present yet delicate tannins and a long, savory finish. Since its first vintage in 2009, Maquis Viola has always come from a Carmenère vineyard block whose soil composition allows it to lose its green notes very early in the season. This enables us to harvest the grapes with such a degree of balance that no correction is necessary during the winemaking process. For the 2022 vintage, for the first time, Viola is a single-varietal wine with no contribution from other varieties. It is a very special vintage that highlights a unique expression of the variety.

VINEYARD

The Maquis vineyard is located in the heart of the Colchagua Valley, where the Tinguiririca River meets the Chimbarongo Creek.

The soils are alluvial, with a layer of nearly 2 meters of highly concentrated clay over a deep layer of gravel deposited by the rivers. This provides natural drainage, allowing the grapes to lose their green aromas very early in the season. In addition, the rivers regulate temperature extremes, protecting the vineyards from spring frosts and lowering summer peak temperatures. These characteristics are a distinctive attribute that sets Maquis apart from the rest of the Colchagua Valley.

The vineyard that gives rise to Maquis Viola is planted on its own roots, on the site where the best Cabernet Franc at Viña Maquis grew until 1970. This 2.5-meter-deep soil, rich in clay, allows the vineyard to develop throughout the summer without irrigation in years with rainy springs. In addition, grapes from this site are small in size, with concentrated flavors, and lose their green aromas very early in the season, allowing us to produce wines with moderate alcohol levels, natural acidity and fresh fruit aromas.

2022 VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was cool—somewhat cooler than 2018 and slightly warmer than 2021—and was influenced by a dry winter. These two conditions resulted in grapes with remarkable balance while retaining high concentration. It was undoubtedly a very special vintage, producing wines that are highly aromatic, elegant and complex, with excellent color and aging potential.

After 270 mm of rainfall in August and September 2021, no further rain fell until the end of April 2022. September and October were warmer than normal, benefiting flowering and fruit set, followed by a return to normal temperatures in November and December 2021. During the ripening period, from January to March 2022, temperatures followed a predominantly cool trend, with the end of the season in April experiencing normal temperatures.

The 2022 vintage produced highly concentrated wines due to lower yields, while retaining great freshness and elegance. It is undoubtedly one of the finest vintages of recent years.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Handcrafted process: Hand harvesting, bunch selection and berry selection.

Gentle extraction: The winemaking focuses on preserving the wine's aromas, color and fine tannins.

Gravity-fed: Tanks are filled by gravity to minimize intervention.

Controlled fermentation: Fermentation is maintained at 22–24°C, with no pre-fermentation cold maceration.

Moderate extraction: Pump-overs are moderate in both frequency and intensity.

Maceration: Total maceration lasts 15–21 days.

French oak aging: The wine is aged for 18 months in French oak barrels.

Press wine selection: Vertical pressing allows the selection of high-quality press wine, with a small percentage incorporated into the final blend to enhance concentration and complexity.

Style: The process is designed to achieve elegance, structure and precision.

ACCOLADES & AWARDS

• 96 Points & Best Carmenere from Chile - Best Carmenere in the World, Robert Parker 2026.

REVIEWS

"This wine perfectly balances unabashed richness with an equal measure of buoyancy and levity (...) culminating in a sumptuous, refined and understated finish..." Matthew Luczy, Wine Critic, Robert Parker Wine Advocate.