

TÊTE DE CUVÉE RED BLEND 2017 MAIPO ANDES CHILE

ALLUVIAL TERRACE

TASTING NOTES

Color: Intense, deep red.

Aromas: Ripe black berries, candied paprika and blond tobacco. **Palate:** Figs and black plums. Silky and concentrated, ripe tannins. The barrels contribute with sweet tannins, juicy end. Great volume.

VARIETAL 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Carménère-Petit Verdot.

VINEYARD Los Morros, Maipo Andes, Chile.

WINE MAKING

Vineyard: 18 years. The vineyards grow on a terrace on the banks of the Maipo river. 100% hand picked harvest. There is a manual selection of grapes in the vineyard and then at the cellar.

Cellar: Cold pre fermentative maceration, 5 days. The alcoholic fermentation is carried in small stainless-steel tanks.

The malolactic fermentation is made in French barrels. The wine ages during 12-16 months in second use barrels, in order to make a fruiter and livelier wine.

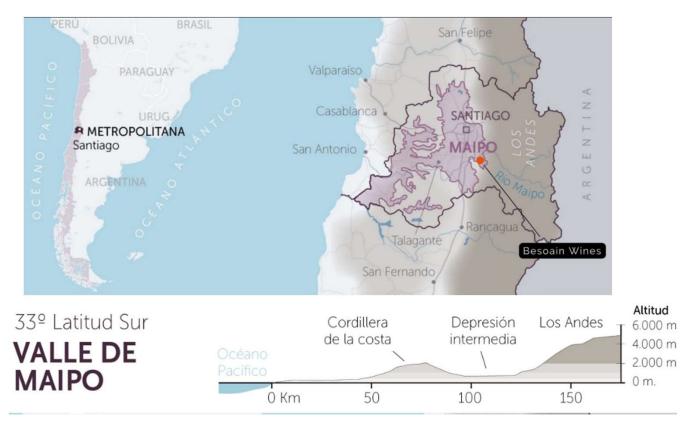
Bottling date: February 2022 *Market launch:* September 2022

ANALYSIS

Alcohol		% Vol
Dry extract	37,2	g/l
Residual sugar	3,1	g/l
Total acidity	5,6	g/I (C ₄ H ₆ O ₆)
рН	3,6	

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Origin of Chilean prestige and birthplace of the most important wineries in the country, Maipo is the father of the rest valleys. Beside the capital city of Santiago, were planted nearly 500 yearsago the first European vines, and more than 150 years ago the first aristocratic French varieties. Nowadays is possible to find 12,000 hectares mainly with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. It began to talk about a new subdivision of the valley taking as a criterion the height of vineyards near the Andes and creating the concept of "Maipo Alto Andes" (High Maipo Andes), where an effect of height is recognized in increased freshness wines, which in addition to stony soils, creates wines with great balance in mouth and high aromatic expression.

The valley has a semiarid Mediterranean climate, it means a warm temperate climate with a long dry season, almost 300 days a year bright and dry, and rainfall of around 300 mm. Summers are hot, concentrated rainfall in winter and autumns are dry.

Soils are stony and rich in organic alluvial sediment, with low fertility and medium drainage. In the pied-mont, the mountainous influence is strong and determined large temperature fluctuations, contrasting what occurs in the middle zone of the current. In the bottom there are sandy soils due to an increase in river flow while arrives at Pacific Ocean.

The best wines of the valley are obtained from alluvial soils in "Buin", "Pirque" and "Puente Alto" areas, where Cabernet Sauvignon achieves ripen on perfect conditions and its tannins are characterized by their silkiness.

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