

## R E S E R V A

## Merlot | 2021

Maule Valley

## Vineyard

The grapes for this wine, harvested as of mid-March until the end of the month, come from the Maule Valley. There the soils are mainly of alluvial origin, show medium fertility and a sandy-loam texture. The vineyards are trained to the vertical shoot position and spur pruned. The use of drip irrigation is essential to adequately control the ripeness of the grapes.

## Vinification

Once harvested, the grapes are crushed, leaving approximately $20 \%$ whole berries. Then they undergo a pre-fermentative cold maceration for three days to achieve a better extraction of aromas. Fermentation, which takes place using selected yeasts, lasts about 15 days. During this period, we carry out gentle daily pump-overs to enhance the wine's color and structure. We regulate the fermentation temperature between $25^{\circ}$ and $26^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to preserve the fresh character of the fruit. After that, the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation naturally and is stored in stainless steel tanks. $25 \%$ of the wine is aged for six months in previously used barrels before bottling.

## Tasting Note

Color: violet-red with purple shades.
Aromas: black fruits, such as blackberries and blueberries, with spicy notes of cinnamon and fresh herbs.
Flavor: fruity, juicy, with firm tannins and an attractive combination of vanilla, clove and chocolate. Medium bodied, with fresh acidity and good persistence.

Food pairing: all kinds of pasta, corn pie, soups like Chilean cazuela, lean red meats and white meats.
Serving temperature: $16-18^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


