

ERRAZURIZ

The state-of-the-art winery at Errazuriz has been thoughtfully designed to minimize energy usage year-round.



Don Maximiano 2016

Aconcagua Valley, Chile

ESTATE

Errázuriz is recognized as perhaps the single top quality producer of Chilean wines. Within recent years, Eduardo Chadwick, President, was named Decanter Man of the Year 2018 and the winery was 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 "Super-Chileans." 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.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 8% Petit Verdot, 8% Carmenerre and 3% Cabernet Franc

Fermentation: 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 8 to 30 days at 75°–82°F, depending upon the lot.

Aging: 22 months in French oak barrels, 65% new. Malolactic fermentation, clarification and stabilization occurred naturally in the barrels.

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINTAGE

The overall cooler-than-average 2016 growing season at the Don Maximiano Vineyard delivered sophisticated wines that beautifully balance elegance with genuine power. The superbly delineated flavors are both fresh and fully ripe.

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"It's an ultra classical Aconcagua Cabernet-based blend with good ripeness while keeping the freshness, and it has generous oak that does not overwhelm but makes the wine softer and spicier. It has some fine-grained, slightly dusty tannins. The very classical label is very coherent with an updated classical blend." - RP, 2/2020

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James Suckling

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