

# TECHNICAL SHEET

## CUVÉE DEL MAULE - 2009

### HARVEST

Handpicked in 10 to 15kg crates, clusters sorted in the parcels.

BLEND	GRAPE VARIETAL	PRUNING	SOIL TYPE
36%	Cabernet-sauvignon	Double guyot and trellising	Black volcanic sand and clay
30%	Carmenere	Double guyot and trellising	Black volcanic sand and clay
22%	Merlot	Double guyot and trellising	Black volcanic sand and clay
6%	Carignan	Gobelet	Decomposition of granite with pieces of quartz and clay
4%	País	Gobelet	Decomposition of granite with pieces of quartz and clay
2%	Cinsault	Gobelet	Decomposition of granite with pieces of quartz and clay

We are setting up long-term relationships with our grapes suppliers. They were all selected because of their organic methods. No chemicals whatsoever were spread in their vineyards. We also advise them on pruning and green works to maintain low yields and a good sanitary situation.

### WINE-MAKING

For cabernet-sauvignon and merlot, grapes are de-stemmed and sorted berry per berry before a 4 to 6 days cold maceration. Then we undergo a traditional 3 weeks Bordeaux-typed maceration (or Burgundy-typed depending on the shape of the tank). Fermentation happens with natural native yeasts. Most of the extraction is done at the beginning of the alcoholic fermentation and temperature of the tanks never exceeded 24°C to better preserve varietals fruits aromas. Carmenere, carignan, pais and cinsault are fermented in carbonic maceration, also with indigenous yeasts. No oenology products nor chemicals were added, not even sulfites. To avoid oxidation, all tanks were pressed at the end of the alcoholic fermentation at a density around 1000.

### ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.8% by vol.  
PH: 3.63  
Free sulfites: 0,018mg/L  
Total sulfites: 0,036g/L

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### AGEING PROCESS

Malolactic fermentation and ageing happened in 4 to 5 years-old French barrels not to damage the wine with oak taste but to ensure a good micro-oxygenation and therefore a good stability of the wine in the long term. Once again neither sulfites nor anything else was added at all in the wine throughout the whole process except 36mg/L of sulfites at the bottling stage in late May 2010 to prevent all risk during transport.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink now and up to 7 years

### TASTING NOTE

Powerful and complex nose of blackcurrant, raspberry and blueberry enriched with touches of anis and white mint. In the mouth, tannins are soft and thin. You will enjoy its structure, complexity, roundness, balance, and acidity which brings an amazing length with a final note of spices and coffee.

### EARTHQUAKE BLEND

Operations are based in Cauquenes, Southern Maule region, right at the epicenter of the huge last 27<sup>th</sup> of February earthquake. As you can see from the pictures, it has been a tremendous shock though we feel fortunate because among the team, nobody died nor was badly wounded and we managed to save 80% of our 2009 vintage... though the blend had to be rethought!



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