

Renacido Vineyard
D.O. Maule Valley
Cabernet Sauvignon
2019

Lot #104



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Bush-head vine Cab Sauv

*-- Coastal Range East-facing
150+ year-old vineyard*

- Alcohol: 13,5 % vol
- pH: 3,46
- Acidity: 5,77 g/l
- Residual sugar: 2,16 g/l

- 2 992 bottles filled
- 11 barrels

In a nutshell

We began growing Cab Sauv on the banks of the Perquilauquen River in 2014 but it was heavy-set / husky / large boned. So ,we began to search for something more peculiar that was at once fresher and more fine boned. We experimented in 2017-8 but we did not release the wines commercially. Then, South East of Cauquenes on Coastal Range of mountains facing Eastward, we found what we were looking for. Originally País, the Cab Sauv was grafted on to the 150+ yr old roots about a decade ago (some of the original old-vine Malbec was left without grafting and complements the CS).

What you need to know

- The Vineyard & Farming**
- 2 hectares
 - old bush-head vines
 - undocumented old 150+ old vineyard
 - CS grafted on top of país roots
 - the original Malbec in the fieldblend left alone to forma. Part of this wine

- < 1 kg per plant / 2,500 - kgs per hectare
- On Coastal Range of mountains (much older than Andes and slower to cool) full of crystals and decomposed granite
- Cuaric silty sandy granitic soils / subsoils

- Combination of original methods of cultivating the old vines ie. Farmed by hand and horse, accompanied by modern two-wheel tractor machinery for working between closely spaced old vines
- Uncertified organic
- Pruned with the moon cycles, but not to a modern bio-dynamic calendar, but rather with local custom.

Winemaking:

- Naturally fermented with native yeasts
- Open top fermenters. Caps were punched down by hand.
- Pressing manual.
- Small portion of wine made whole stems stomped with clean feet—this part was more tannic and with higher VA and complemented the rest of the barrels. (< 1 /5 of blend)

Elevage:

Aged in barrels over two winters— barrels third use or more.

Various cooperages (Sylvain, Taransaud, Nadalie – Alliers Noisette toast)

Appellation:

D.O. Maule Valley ('near' to Colonel)

Varietal:

Cabernet Sauvignon (with scarce plants of malbec in blend)

Color:

Deep Purple

Personality:

An impeccable gentleman from the provinces, sure of himself, who may make some from the capital feel insecure

How many lots?

Just one each year

Previous Bottlings

Renacido Vineyard Lot 104 – 2019
Trial vintage no commercial release - 2018
Trial vintage no commercial release - 2017
Renacido Vineyard Lot 74 – 2016
Renacido Vineyard Lot 64 – 2015

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Ageability

2015 & 2016 give us every reason to believe this will age gracefully in bottle for at least a decade.

Best drinking

House: 2021-2030

The Vintage

- In Maule besides some frosts which did not affect Renacido, 2019 was a rather ideal vintage in many respects. But after so many raved about 2018 it was difficult to convince anyone that there was a corner of Chile where this was so.
- Some years, more important than the weather and rains there are other factors to weigh in. For 2019 after two years of trials we made a wine from our new Renacido Vineyard South of Cauquenes.
- Such old vines drink deep and this the roots act like shock absorbers. Dates vary but fruit is far more consistent than modern higher density plantings.
- The pendulum effect of rain vs. drought is mediated when the old vines act as shock absorbers drinking deep and finding water in drier years

House note

Rare bush-head vine Cabernet Sauvignon, shows classic old-world herbal aromas, red-fruit brightness and spice but what's really different is the texture, especially when tasted next to a wine from Maipo, you notice the granite in the palate here, the old-vine complexity and less alcohol-- the difference proper farming makes.

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Critics Notes

Notes on Previous Vintages from this parcel

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 239

Renacido Vineyard Maule Valley Cab Sauvignon 2015 - Lot # 74 – 94 Pts

I enjoyed the texture of the 2016 Renacido Vineyard, perhaps a little less elegant but with great character. I looked at my note from the previous year and was very surprised to read that I commented on the texture then as well. I often associate minerality with texture (and/or vice versa), so this has to be an expression of the soil here, an expression of granite. Because it's Cabernet Sauvignon... 5,000 bottles were filled in November 2017.





James Suckling .com May 25th 2017

Renacido Vineyard Maule Valley Cab Sauvignon 2015 - Lot # 64 – 95 Pts

This is one of Garage's best wines ever. It is full bodied, structured and chewy tannins. Muscular and toned. Pretty tension at the end. Only about 5,000 bottles made. From head-pruned vines. Drink in 2019.

2015 was the first year for a commercial release from this parcel