



VIGNO  
Carignan Field – blend  
Maule Valley  
2019

“ Old Vines Dry-farmed  
--phantasmagorical ”

- Alcohol: 13,5 % vol
- pH: 3,28
- Acidity: 6,6 g/l
- Residual sugar: 2,34 g/l
- 4 500 bottles filled
- 15 barrels



### In a Nutshell

- we make three wines based upon Cariñena / Carignan in Truqui
- Vigno is from a section further down along the creek
- We work this small bit with a grower partner as we have done for a decade now
- Near the creek this section has terrific drainage and thus low yield and concentration
- There is a dash of Syrah in the blend

This wine was grown by a small farmer in the Maule. It was farmed by hand and horse with traditional methods of dry-farming 70+ year old vines with vines.

It was fermented naturally in small tanks with open-tops. Caps were punched down by hand and pressing was strictly manual. The wine was aged in barrels over two winters— barrels of three or more uses.

This wine is a tribute to the resilience of the ploughmen farmers of the Maule who have been stewards of the vines since colonial times.

### What you need to know

<b>The Vineyard &amp; Farming</b>	It is hard to imagine someone having the patience (and a financial advisor!) willing to plant a red vineyard in this part of Empedrado. It is simply so cool most years. It must have taken forever for these vineyards to have come into their own. Thank god someone had the foresight to be patient all those years ago whilst the vineyard could grow old. (Question: if golf were invented today, how many holes would it have?)
<b>Winemaking:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ancestral farming by hand and horse</li> <li>- Naturally fermented with native yeasts</li> <li>- Open top fermenters. Caps were punched down by hand. Pressing manual.</li> <li>- Small portion was made with whole stems stomped with clean feet—this part was glorious and have done more bin experiments ever since.</li> <li>- Aged in barrels over two winters— barrels third use or more.</li> <li>- Yeasts native (we add Truquilemu wine from previous vintage to a pie de cuba)</li> <li>- No temp control (besides opening closing windows) open tank, no nada</li> <li>- Pinch of sulfites after Malolactic that normally finishes a full 7 months after harvest with next summer’s heat the following January.</li> <li>- Effect of whole stems well-established in this wine. We think there is a bit of a before and after.</li> </ul>
<b>Elevage:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aged in barrels over two winters— barrels third use or more.</li> <li>- various cooperages (Sylvain, Berger, Nadalie – Alliers Noisette toast, and some Burgundy barrels)</li> </ul>
<b>Appellation:</b>	Vigno / Empedrado / Maule Valley (Secano Interior)
<b>Varietal:</b>	Carignan with smidgens of Pais and Syrah in the field-blend
<b>Color:</b>	Deep Purple – and fire in the sky
<b>Personality:</b>	A thinker with layers that reveal with patience - soulful
<b>How many lots?</b>	One Vigno each year
<b>Previous Bottlings</b>	<p>Vigno - 2018</p> <p>Vigno - 2017</p> <p>Vigno - 2016</p> <p>Vigno – 2015</p> <p>Vigno – 2014</p> <p>Vigno – 2013</p> <p>Vigno – 2012</p> <p>Vigno – 2011</p> <p>Vigno - 2010</p>
<b>Ageability</b>	10+ yrs

Best drinking

House: 2021-2035

### The Vintage

- In Maule besides some frosts which did not affect Truquilemu, 2019 was a rather ideal vintage in many respects. But after so many raved about 2018 it was difficult to convince anyone. Some years, more important than the weather and rains there are other factors to weigh in. For 2019 we had a full posse of people working with us full time that allowed us prepare and work the vines like never before -- at our pace with our people. Preparation trumped the weather in 2019.
- 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

Spice and mineral-accented aromas of red and blue fruit joined by slowly emerging violet and rhubarb notes. Sappy and concentrated but lithe, offering energetic black raspberry, spicecake and floral pastille flavors and a bracing, refreshingly bitter suggestion of blood orange that adds bite to the back half. Finishes smooth, sweet and long, with resonating floral and spice notes and supple tannins adding shape and gentle grip. Complex and expansive.

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### Critics Notes

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate  
**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2017 98 Pts**



La Cav – Mesa de Cata  
**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2019 93 Pts**



## Notes on Previous Vintages from this parcel

Descorchados – Patricio Tapia

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2018 94 Pts**

Garage Wine Co. obtains the grapes for this Vigno from an old cariñena vineyard planted in the 1940s in the coastal area of Truquilemu in the Maule Valley. Aged in old barrels for about 18 months, this is a faithful example of that area influenced by sea breezes. There's acidic tension here and a structure that's determined by sharp, piercing tannins and a rather light body, but at the same time full of delicious fruit flavors that make it impossible to stop drinking it. Perfect with smoked pork.



Vinous – Joaquin Hidalgo

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2018 93 Pts**

The 2018 Carignan VIGNO is a field blend of Carignan and Monastrell from old vines grown in an unirrigated vineyard in Empedrado, Maule. Rested for a couple of winters by its creators Pilar Mirnda, Derek Mossman and Alvaro Peña, it is purplish-red in the glass and begins with fragrant orange zest and cherry aromas, followed by secondary notes of saffron and dried fruit. Relaxed and nimble in style, with fine tannins and good acidity; oaky notes reverberate at the back of the mouth. An edgy red with attractive acidity.



Tim Atkin

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2018 92 Pts**

Pilar Miranda & Derek Mossman Knapp source this field-blend of Carignan & Monastrell from a corner of their vineyard in Truquilemu. Taut, dense and showing the freshness of its coastal-influenced site, this is a wine that needs time for its sweetness to emerge. Complemented by neutral oak, it has cranberry and damson flavours and sinewy, grippy tannins. 2023-30



Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 247

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2017 96 Pts**

I find the 2017 Vigno from Garage Wine Co. to be quite wild with notes of iron, wild flowers and lots of pollen, balsamic and expressive and in a way somewhat similar to the one from De Martino; I tasted 12 Vigno bottlings together, which made for a very interesting comparison. This comes from Truquilemu, one of the coolest places in Maule, but 2017 was a warm year and also marked by brutal wildfires. The palate is sharp and has marked granite character and very good freshness. A great effort for the adverse conditions of the year! 1,500 bottles were filled in January 2019.



Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 239

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2016 97 Pts**



The 2016 Vigno from Garage Wine Co. really blew me away! This always reminds me of the Truquilemu bottling, as the source is the same. This is elegant and floral in a way that very few Cariñena are. It has subtle minerality and an earthy touch, with a rare combination of elegance and rusticity. There is detail, filigree, texture and gobsmacking balance. Grab it if you like Cariñena, because it is among the finest in the world! It was bottled in December 2017.

Descorchados - Patricio Tapia

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2016 95 Pts**



El carignan es una variedad que ofrece una textura rústica, salvaje, pero a la vez una acidez refrescante y aromas florales, una bipolaridad deliciosa que en manos de Garage Wine Co, bajo el sello Vigno (vignadores del carignan) se transforma en un pequeño monstruo de sabores frutales, mucha fuerza, mucha energía solamente equiparable a las chuletas bien asadas de un cordero.

James Suckling

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2016 94 Pts**

This is a ripe and delicious carignan that shows dried mulberries and blackberries, in addition to plum liqueur and baking spices. While the nose might suggest a blockbuster palate, it's actually polished with incredibly punchy acidity that goes on and on, as this wine approaches the finish. Drink before 2028.

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 239

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2015 94 Pts**

Always a noteworthy example in the Vigno association, the 2015 Vigno from Garage Wine Co. is one of their 11 single-vineyard bottlings. It's produced from eight barrels of Carignan and one of Mataró (Monastrell) with traces of País from an old field blend in one of the freshest corners of the Maule "secano interior" in Truquilemu (the other two are Huerta de Maule and the coastal part of Cauquenes, in Pilén). There is a faint animal touch of leather and cured meat and a rustic twist of tree bark and earth. The palate is serious and has an austere texture provided by the granite soils; this could be lighter and fresher. This is the same base as the Lot #67, as this comes from their largest vineyard. 2,315 bottles were filled in December 2016.

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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 230

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2013 93 Pts**

The 2014 Vigno from Garage Wine Co. also has the subtitle of Old Vines Dry Farmed Carignan. It was sourced from an extremely old vineyard in what they consider the freshest corner of

the Maule "secano," in Truquilemu. Part of full clusters were used for the vinification and foot-treading. It's made of fruit farmed by hand and horse with traditional methods of dry-farming and 70+-year-old vines. It fermented with native yeasts in open top vats and aged in well-seasoned, neutral oak barrels for two winters. The nose shows the cool climate of the region; it's intensely aromatic, floral and fresh. But, it's in the palate where the vibrant acidity and the lively texture give it electric freshness where you really see the reflection of the place, the climate and the austerity of the soils. This is simply stunning. 2,864 bottles produced. It was bottled in November 2015.

Descorchados - Patricio Tapia

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2014 94 Pts**

Los aromas son frescos, de bayas rojas y negras. La boca es voluptuosa, amable, luego jugosa y con un agarre sutil.

James Suckling

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2014 94 Pts**

This is superb carignan-based red with earth, smoked meat and old vine aromas and flavors. Full body, round and juicy tannins and a flavorful finish. Soulful. Drink now

Wine Advocate – Robert Parker #222

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2014 94 Pts**

The 2013 Vigno Old Vines Dry Farmed Carignan from Garage Wine Co. is sourced from an extremely old vineyard in Truquilemu, the part of the Secano Interior that is closest to the sea, in a zone where the grapes can ripen. This comes from a field blend that contains other varieties like Torrontés Negro and País. The wine fermented with natural yeasts and spent two winters in used French oak barrels before bottling. The nose starts off floral and with bright red berry aromas, with good ripeness and just a pinch of spices from the élevage. The palate is medium-bodied with very good acidity and a low pH (3.33). With time, the nose turns more organic, earthy and a liqueur note eventually appears. While powerful, it's round and easy to drink. It evolved quite fast in the glass, which makes me hesitate about its evolution in bottle for many years... 1,992 bottles produced.

Vinous – Antonio Galloni

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2013 93 Pts**

(aged in used French oak barrels for two years; pH 3.31) Full ruby. Spice- and mineral-accented aromas of red and blue fruit liqueur, incense and cola are joined by slowly emerging violet and rhubarb notes. Sappy and concentrated but lithe as well, offering energetic black raspberry, spicecake and floral pastille flavors and a bracing, refreshingly bitter suggestion of blood orange that adds bite to the back half. Finishes smooth, sweet and extremely long, with resonating floral and spice notes and supple tannins adding shape and gentle grip. Drink 2018 – 2023 Josh Reynolds

Descorchados - Patricio Tapia

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2013 93 Pts**

Cien por cien carignan, este es un vino vivo, lleno de frutas rojas, tenso, salvaje en textura. Necesita el asado, ojalá vivo. Se trata de un carignan de viejas parras en una zona muy cercana a la costa, sobre suelos graníticos. Esta es la tercera versión de este vino, con una producción de 6.129 botellas, es la más grande que Garage hace para su catálogo. Este Lot se siente vivo, rico en frutas rojas y notas florales, recio en textura, ideal para embutidos del Maule. Otro de sus carignan es Vigno (parte del grupo Vignadores de Carignan) que viene de Empedrado, una de las zonas más frescas del secano costero del Maule. También se trata de parras muy viejas, sin irrigación artificial. Este vino, como todos los tintos de Garage en la línea Lot y en Vigno, se cría por “dos inviernos” en barricas, las más nuevas de tres años de uso. Se trata de carignanes de viejas parras en una zona muy cercana a la costa, sobre suelos graníticos. Este vino, como todos los tintos de Garage en la línea Lot y en Vigno, se cría por “dos inviernos” en barricas, las más nuevas de tres años de uso. “Cuando vas a comprar vinos por la zona, los viejos te dicen que el vino que lleva dos inviernos de crianza es el mejor” –dice Mossman. El resultado es el tinto clásico que se necesita para refrescar una tarde de asado con los amigos. Su acidez es intensa, pero también su lado terroso y su textura punzante.

Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate # 222

**Vigno - Carignan field-blend 2012 92 Pts**

The 2012 Vigno Old Vines Dry Farmed Carignan is sourced from Truquilemu in the Valle del Maule, from Empedrado, a zone closer to the sea. The nose is very floral with rich, ripe aromas of plums and dark cherries. The palate is medium-bodied with lively acidity, some grainy tannins and a tasty, fleshy finish. Great Cariñena blend. Some 3,000 bottles were produced.

I sat down to taste through an exciting collection of wines with Derek Mossman. Garage Wine Co produces wines from Maipo and Maule, and their trademark is wines with great freshness and acidity from some seven vineyards they work. 42,000 bottles per year of highly personal and full of character wines. I later met with Mossman again to walk some of the vineyards for where he sources grapes for some of his Maule cuvées and the work he's doing there to support the local 'huasos' and their vineyards is remarkable. The common thing that I've seen between Mossman, Cancino, Parra working in the south is respect -- for the people, the traditions and the places. These are wines of respect. An exciting project to keep in mind.

**Anecdotal narrative**

Vigno is a Carignan producer’s group. We helped co-found the group ten years ago in 2011 to help revive a variety that was downtrodden and under-appreciated. A lot has happened in just a decade, but the vines had a 70 year head start so it is easy to understand why.

Over the past few years leading critics of the world have tasted the wines (the group together) on various occasions and the wines have garnered some of the highest [and or THE highest] recognition / scores in Chilean wine full stop. To think an old-vine Carignan from a little-known corner of the Maule could rival the Rothschild’s efforts in the Maipo is astounding– until you taste the wines and you realise these old vines have something very special / unique to offer the world. Forget what you know of Carignan in the South of France. Forget Priorat. Vigno is

truly unique. Buyers, undoubtably say “ wow that isn’t Chilean at all” and yet it is, in fact it is more Chilean than the supermarket merlot they think is Chile.