



Santa Rita



SANTA RITA MEDALLA REAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Heritage and enterprise are hallmarks of Santa Rita, one of Chile's premier wine estates. Founded in 1880 by Domingo Fernandez in Chile's Maipo Valley, this historic property was among the first to pioneer plantings of European grape varieties in Chile. In 1980, it was acquired by its late owner, Ricardo Claro, under whom Santa Rita reaped the rewards of continuous investment, resulting in a period of impressive growth, during which the winery has consolidated its position in the vanguard of Chile's most successful and innovative estates.

Grapes for Santa Rita's Medalla Real wines are hand-harvested at optimal ripeness from the estates best and oldest vines. Intense fruit and a judicious use of French oak in the Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay result in complex and concentrated wines that are simultaneously elegant and classical in style.

PRODUCTION AREA

Country: Chile
Region: Maipo Valley

Maipo Valley, Chile. Vineyards are located 1,640 feet above sea level. The influence of the Andes Mountains creates a significant thermal oscillation between day and night temperatures and a gradual decrease in temperatures towards the end of summer, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly. Thus, the fruit maintains concentration of flavor and while tannins ripen properly. The soils are of alluvial origin, stratified and gently sloped with medium depth, a loamy texture and basic pH.

GRAPE VARIETIES

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Fermented at temperatures ranging from 77-82°F. Maceration time varies according to the character of the harvest. The wine is aged 12-14 months in French oak barrels (1/3 new, 1/3 1-year-old and 1/3 2-year-old).

DESCRIPTION

Color: Lustrous ruby red
Aroma: Ripe red and black fruit aromas mingle with leather and spice, exquisitely balanced by wood notes evoking vanilla and toast
Taste: Supple tannins and a majestic structure conclude in a complex and persistent finish

ANALYSIS

Alc.: 14.6% TA: 5.55 g/L pH: 3.68

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Delicious with steaks, game, hearty stews, casseroles and ripe, semi-creamy cheeses.

BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml

