

Errazuriz

Don Maximiano

ACONCAGUA VALLEY

2015



Alcohol:
14%
pH:
3.55



ESTATE

Don Maximiano Errazuriz founded Viña Errazuriz in 1870 in the Aconcagua Valley, 65 miles north of the capital, Santiago. Recognizing that this valley, with its hot, dry summers and moist Pacific Ocean breezes, was ideal for growing grapes, Don Maximiano sent for the finest clones from France and with tenacity and perseverance transformed this barren land into a world-class vineyard. Today, the tradition of quality lives on with Don Maximiano's descendant, Eduardo Chadwick.

WINE

Introduced with the 1983 vintage, Don Maximiano was among the first of the new generation of "Super-Chileans." The 2015 is composed of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Carmenere, 8% Malbec, 7% Petit Verdot, and 3% Cabernet Franc.

VINEYARD

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"Very refined and pretty with tight polished tannins and a linear and fruity mouthfeel. Medium body, precise and focused."

– 96 Points James Suckling

"The 2015 Don Max is on another level and is a world-class wine... sensational notes of crème de cassis, black raspberries, crushed flowers, and subtle background oak. With full-bodied richness, impeccable balance, fine, ripe tannin, and a great finish, it's going to benefit from a year or two of bottle age and drink beautifully for at least a decade."

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