

VIÑA  
**MAQUIS**

FRANCO

VINTAGE: 2011

R.S: 3,1 g/L

VALLEY: Colchagua

T.A: 3,25g/L

ALCOHOL: 13,5%

PH: 3,64

VARIETIES: 100% Cabernet Franc.



## BRAND & HISTORY

Maquis Franco represents the culmination of painstaking efforts by three generations of the Hurtado family to craft a truly exceptional wine. This majestic Cabernet Franc is outstanding for its elegance and persistence on the palate.

## VINEYARD

Viña Maquis is located in the heart of the Colchagua Valley between the Tinguiririca River and the Chimbarongo Creek. Both waterways act as pathways for cool coastal breezes that moderate the warm summers and have a dramatic effect on lowering the maximum temperatures by 2°–3°C.

This area with deep alluvial soils and a two-meter layer of highly concentrated clay set over a deeper layer of gravel—brought by the rivers—provide natural drainage that allows the grapes to lose the green characteristics very early in the season. The waterways also help moderate extreme weather conditions throughout the year by protecting the vineyards from spring frosts and lowering the maximum summer temperatures. These features are distinctive of Viña Maquis and uncommon in the rest of the Colchagua Valley.

## 2011 CLIMATE

Temperatures lower than usual in summer diminished fruit yields and helped produce great quality grapes that matured slowly. The harvest of 2011 was 4 to 7 days later than previous vintages, obtaining fresh and juicy wines with fantastic natural balance.

## HARVEST & WINEMAKING

- 100% Cabernet Franc hand harvested during the second week of March.
- Hand sorting of clusters and berries.
- Ageing in French oak barrels for 14 months.

## ACCOLADES, AWARDS & TASTING NOTES

- 96 Points, Best Cabernet Franc of Chile, Descorchados 2015.
- 93 Points, Robert Parker December 2015.
- 92 Points, James Suckling, June 2016.
- 91 Points, Andreas Larsson, December 2015.

## REVIEWS

« I found the 2011 Franco simply phenomenal. It is pure Cabernet Franc with those earthy aromas that make it somehow austere and edgy. The fruit is ripe and there are no herbal aromas; it's spicier, nothing green for sure, with a subtle and recurrent balsamic note akin to camphor. There is very good acidity here, great balance and a sense of harmony common in only the best wines. This is a great Cabernet Franc that is elegant, complex and subtle, with inner strength and power, and able to develop nicely in bottle », **Luis Gutierrez, Wine Advocate, 30th Dec 2015.**

