

Old vines, dry-farmed Riesling and Carignan from the Maule Valley of Chile



# MELI

MAULE VALLEY  
CARIGNAN  
DRY RIESLING



Adriana Cerda

## MELI WINERY

Meli is the dream of celebrated winemaker Adriana Cerda and her son Eduardo Reinero. Adriana has been a respected winemaker for 30 years, but when she decided to make her own wine in 2005, she bought a property with 60-year-old Carignan and Riesling vines in the Maule Valley. They began with 500 cases of Riesling in 2005 followed by their first Carignan bottling in 2007. Meli's total production is currently 2,000 cases.

Eduardo is responsible for the general management of Meli wines and he is a member of a guild of Chilean winemakers called MOVI (Movement of Independent Vintners). And as a founding member of the Carignan Club, a group dedicated to protecting the quality of Carignan wines, as well as consultant for a number of small wineries, he has partnered with Ana Maria Barahona, one of Chile's leading journalists, to develop a women's wine guide called *Guía Mujer y Vino* (Women and Wine Guide).

## PRESS

**92 points + a 'Best Buy'** awarded to **2012 Meli Carignan!**  
"Made from old vines planted in the 1960s, this takes a light, fresh approach, focused on fruit rather than pushing for superconcentration. With its pure, juicy ripe cherry flavor, it could bolster a plate of grilled sausages or develop for a few years in the cellar."

-Wine & Spirits Magazine,  
June 2014

**93 points to Meli Carignan, Dueño de la Luna 2009:**  
"A wonderful carignan with raspberry, blueberry and mineral character plus hints of roses. Full body, fine tannins and long finish. Serious and bright. All in balance. From old vines."

-James Suckling Report,  
August 2014

## THE WINES

Meli produces two unique varieties using dry farming methods. These varietals are well-suited to the cooler Maule Valley, where the growing season is long, with cool nights and warm days.



### 2012 Dry Riesling

This aromatic white grape associated with Germany is very expressive of Chilean terroir. Meli's Riesling is unoaked and has no residual sugar, which showcases the grape's brisk acidity.



### 2012 Carignan

This lesser known varietal is mostly planted in southern France. Meli's Carignan (90% Carignan and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon) is aged in both used oak barrels and stainless steel. The wine is concentrated and unique, with a distinctive balance of earth and fruit.



### 2012 Dueño de la Luna Carignan

Harvested from 70-year-old, ungrafted vines, the Dueño de la Luna Carignan shows blackberry and plum on the nose with a soft velvety texture in the mouth of firm tannins and balanced acidity.



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