

VIÑA
MAQUIS

LIEN

VINTAGE: 2016

R.S: 1,55 g/L

VALLEY: Colchagua

T.A: 3,6 g/L

ALCOHOL: 13,5%

PH: 3,46

VARIETIES: 41% Carménère, 28% Cabernet Franc,
27% Cabernet Sauvignon y 4% Syrah.



BRAND & HISTORY

Lien is a world-class wine, a true and exceptional expression of its terroir, a minimalist blend made with grapes from small blocks in the Maquis Vineyard that includes Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Carménère. The final blend varies somewhat from year to year and is decided once fermentation is complete.

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.

2016 CLIMATE

The 2016 harvest was marked by El Niño with a relatively warm summer, but at the beginning of March the temperatures dropped a lot and the ripening process of the grapes became much slower, which resulted in wines of very moderate alcohol and with an excellent natural balance. The 2016 wines have been characterized for having tannins of great softness and elegance.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

- 100% hand picking and sorting of clusters and grapes.
- Cold maceration at 9°C for 5 days.
- Fermentation temperatures between 22-25°C in stainless steel tanks.
- Total maceration time of 21 days (including cold soak and alcoholic fermentation).
- Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.
- 100% of the wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels.

ACCOLADES, AWARDS & TASTING NOTES

- 92 Points James Suckling, February, 2020.
- 92+ Points Robert Parker, February, 2020.
- 94 Points Tim Atkin, March, 2020.

REVIEWS

"Bright red berries and roses with a pastry-like edge, too. The palate is lithe and lively with a very succulent core of red berries and lighter, blue-fruit notes to close." James Suckling.

"The nose is very harmonious and the varieties feel very integrated; the Carménère does not dominate the aromas and is nicely blended with the others. There is an extra spark of freshness here along with more restraint and seriousness. A red blend of finesse." Luis Gutierrez, The Wine Advocate.

"Maquis Lien has a beautiful red color. Its aromas include fresh ripe red fruits with a delicate floral background. On the palate it feels elegant with structure and juicy but intense tannins. The finish is long and delicate", Rodrigo Romero, Winemaker Viña Maquis.

