

VIÑA
MAQUIS

FRANCO

VINTAGE: 2019

R.S: 1,82 g/L

ORIGIN: Colchagua Valley

A.T: 3,43 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14,3%

PH: 3,58

VARIETIES: 94% Cabernet Franc and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon.



FRANCO 2019

Maquis Franco represents the culmination of painstaking efforts by more than four generations of the Hurtado family to craft a truly exceptional wine. This Cabernet Franc is outstanding for its elegance and structure and for its fresh and concentrated style. It stands out for its consistency over the years and slow evolution in the bottle, according to our consulting winemaker, Eric Boissenot, their aging time in bottle can reach 25 years.

VINEYARD

Viña Maquis is a unique place located in the heart of the Colchagua Valley between two rivers. Both waterways act as pathways for cool coastal breezes that help to moderate extreme weather conditions throughout the year by protecting the vineyards from spring frosts and lowering the maximum summer temperatures.

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 to obtain elegant tannins. Sustainable management of the vineyards and its environment give purity and definition to wines that stand out for their great natural balance, that together with ungrafted vines from owned masal selection, gives a deep complexity and fine result.

2019 CLIMATE

The 2019 vintage featured a dry spring and summer with few cloudy days, which led to slightly higher temperatures. Grape production was slightly lower than expected but with very healthy and balanced grapes. Harvest was done during the second and third week of March. Aromatic quality, balance and concentration of 2019 wines is outstanding.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

- 100% hand picking and sorting of clusters and grapes.
- Gravity grapes reception in stainless steel tanks.
- Fermentation temperatures between 22-24°C in stainless steel tanks.
- Total maceration time of 21 days, with delicate pump overs.
- Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks before its aging in oak barrels
- The wine was aged for 24 months in French oak barrels

ACCOLADES & AWARDS

- 97 Points, Tim Atkin 2023 (Wine of the Year).
- 95 Points, Descorchados 2023. (AWARDED AS BEST CABERNET FRANCO)
- 95 Points, James Suckling 2023.

REVIEWS

"Youthful nose with plenty of tobacco leaves and a touch of iron to the ripe cassis. A little more intensity and generosity compared with 2018, but still quite refined and classy. The medium- to full-bodied palate is charged with compact but polished tannins. A pretty poised, long and layered cab franc." James Suckling, Feb.2023