

Almaviva

2023

Vintage Notes

The winter was extremely dry, with only 119 mm of rainfall from June to September 2022 in Puente Alto, 41% less than the historical average of 203 mm for the period 1996-2022. However, this level of winter rainfall was significantly higher than last year, when we had only 51 mm during the same period.

The winter was irregular, being alternatively mild and cold. With temperatures warmer than average in October, the budbreak occurred finally at rather normal dates.

Although the period October-December was globally warmer than average, the weather was very fluctuant at the key stages of flowering and fruit set, which generated some *coulure* on most of our Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Spring was dry, with only 7 mm of rain between October and December.

The summer was extremely hot, with temperatures higher than historical figures (average temperature 2°C above normal) and the hottest March ever in Chile. April and May were also warmer than usual (respectively 1.4°C and 1.0°C above average). Given a ripening process fastened by the extremely high temperatures of the Summer, the grapes had to be picked early to maintain the fruit and the acidity.

The first grapes of Cabernet Sauvignon were picked on March 13th, 8 days earlier than 2022, 2 weeks earlier than average. The harvest ended on April 24th in Puente Alto, while the Carménère from Peumo was also picked early, between April 25th and May 5th.

2023 is a great vintage that maintains the fresh character of Puente Alto in this dry and hot vintage, a well-structured vintage with a great expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.



Tasting Notes

Deep, intense and opaque ruby red. The nose is nicely layered, broad and complex, seducing us with the freshness of its fruit, its delicate aromas of cassis, strawberries and dewberries, accompanied afterwards by elegant and discreet notes of tobacco, cedar, earth, olives and soft spices. The mouth shows outstanding amplitude and balance, a smooth texture, a great acidity, elegance and persistence. The tannins are round, refined and well-polished, enhancing the juicy and approachable character of the year. The wine is well-built, precise in its character, combining harmoniously volume, finesse and freshness. A great and faithful expression of the unique *terroir* of Puente Alto in this particularly warm vintage.

Assemblage

Cabernet Sauvignon:	74 %
Carménère:	19 %
Cabernet Franc:	5 %
Petit Verdot:	2 %

Barrel Ageing: 20 months, French oak (73% new)

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