Casas del Bosque Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Winemaker: Grant Phelps Appellation: Maipo Valley Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon Yields per Acre: 3.5 tons/acre

Wood treatment: 100% French Oak. Length of barrel maturation: 13 months

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.64

Total Acidity: 5.5 g/L **Residual Sugar:** 3.6 g/L **Volatile Acidity:** 0.59 g/L



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Viticular Practices: Following harvest the grapes were destemmed and then crushed to tank at which point the must was warmed and inoculated with selected yeasts and fermented during 10 to 15 days with temperatures peaking at 32°C/90°F. During fermentation the vats were pumped-over three to four times daily in order to extract the ideal amount of tannin and colour. Following the completion of fermentation the must was subjected to an additional 5 days of post fermentation maceration (to give a total of 19 days total skin contact). The wine was then pressed off skins and put to a mixture of new and used French oak barrels (55% new/45% second the third use) for 10 months during which time it was racked and returned three times. After bottling the finished wine was carefully aged for three months prior to release in order to increase complexity.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Maipo Valley cropped at an average of 9 tons per hectare (3.6 tons per acre).

Winemakers Notes: Dense ruby red in colour, on the nose this wine exhibits lifted notes of rum & raisen and dark chocolate with just a touch of spearmint. In the mouth fresh acidity gives way to opulent notes of blackcurrant, expresso bean and cedar. A well integrated oak backbone combines with svelte, elegant tannins to give a long, textured finish.

Score(s): 90 pts Wine Spectator Magazine - Powerful and rich-tasting, with concentrated flavors of dried raspberry and plum tart accented by plenty of toasty notes. Shows appealing herbal details on the muscular finish. Drink now through 2021. 10,000 cases made.—K.M.

90 pts James Suckling - Some chocolate and berry character. Medium to full body and soft and fruity with hints of coffee and berry aftertaste. Drink now.