

# CASAS DEL BOSQUE



## GRAN RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

*Maipo Valley, Chile*

### Technical Notes

The grapes come from deep, gravelly, well-drained soils in the Maipo Valley that are ideally suited for Cabernet Sauvignon. Sourced from different vineyards in the central and southern parts of the valley, such as Isla de Maipo and Hacienda Chada, the crop levels were a little below the usual average, at 2.8 US tons per acre. Following harvest, the grapes were sorted at the winery, destemmed and then crushed to tanks (but not before a rigorous table sorting protocol). Fermentation occurred with selected yeasts, lasting nearly two weeks, with temperatures peaking at 91°F. Following the completion of the alcoholic fermentation, the must was subjected to an additional week of post fermentation maceration at cool temps. The wine was then pressed off the skins and put into 20% new, 80% used French oak barrels for 11 months during which time it was racked and plunged twice. The wine was clarified with inactivated yeasts as opposed to the egg whites used in previous vintages. A total of 12,000 cases were produced.

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### About this Wine

There is something about Chilean Cab. First of all, Chile is the second biggest producer of this variety, after its homeland, France. While most people associate the variety with Bordeaux or Napa, the truth is that Maipo Valley in Chile is home to some pretty interesting Cabernets, with a distinctive style of their own. The region is cooler than Napa, and more akin to the Médoc in France or Coonawarra in Australia. The grapes that Casas del Bosque sources for their Gran Reserva come from old ungrafted hillside vineyards, planted in the late 1950's, and the approach taken towards this variety is, quite simply, don't overdo it and just let the fruit shine. From the selection of the grapes to the vinification and ageing process, the core idea is to express the spicier, slightly minty notes that make Chilean Cabernet so special. The result is a concentrated, juicy and easy to pair Cabernet Sauvignon, with notes of tobacco that go pretty well with not just red meats, but even vegetarian food, adding versatility to this variety. Seldom do we come across a wine that over-delivers like this, vintage after vintage.

### Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.62

Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.1 g/L

- ✓ VEGAN FRIENDLY
- ✓ SUSTAINABLE
- ✗ ORGANIC
- ✗ BIODYNAMIC

### Climate/Terrior Conditions

After a warm growing season, the grapes were handpicked between March 25th and April 15th, 2019.

### Tasting Notes

Deep and intense purple, with aromas of cassis, mint and notes of dried figs and raspberries. Barrel ageing adds notes of vanilla and spices. Tannins are ripe and well integrated, resulting in a dense and concentrated wine of good length and cellar potential of well over 5 years. Intense, mature and complex yet elegant.

### Scores

91 pts - Vinous (Joaquin Hidalgo)

91 pts - James Suckling

