

2007 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon

About Viña Calina

Chile is coastline - nearly 2,900 miles of impenetrable rock and fine sand along the cold edge of the Pacific Ocean. Chile is mountains - 20,000 foot skyscrapers towering over the landscape and guarding the eastern border from unknown winds. Wine has been a thread in the Chilean cloth since the arrival of the missionaries and Conquistadores in the 16th century. Now, almost 500 years later, the country is finding its own unique speaking voice. Viña Calina is part of that voice. We are located in the Maule region well south of Santiago. This is the virgin perimeter for winemakers. We first came here more than a decade ago to explore the rough ground and cool air. We stayed here to create wines that are deep, structured and staunchly Chilean.

Vineyards & Vintage

Our 2007 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon features grapes from estate and select grower vineyards in Maule, Itata and Colchagua. Located south of Santiago, the soils and microclimates of these regions are still being explored and developed. This Cabernet shows the character and benefits of a long, temperate growing season. The slow, even ripening and extended hangtime result in lush, complex aromatics coupled with firm balancing acidity.

Winemaking

After harvest all of the lots were cold soaked for five days prior to fermentation to extract color, flavor and character. This technique produces wines that are intense and commanding with softer, more rounded tannins. The wine was aged in a combination of French and American oak barrels for nine months.

Wine Technicals

Composition: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot

Appellation: Maule Valley, Itata, Colchagua

Alcohol: 13.6% | **pH:** 3.58 | **TA:** .62g/100ml

Oak: 9 months in French and American

Tasting Notes

"The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon is dark, rich and expansive. It is laced with flavors ranging from plums, cassis and cherry to earth, cedar and anise. It is open and generous on the palate with enough tannin and acidity to keep it balanced and delicious."

- Gavin Taylor, Winemaker