



ODFJELL

ARMADOR

ORGANIC WINE

VINTAGE 2016 VARIETY Merlot COMPOSITION 100% Organic Merlot

In the bygone days of the sail ships, wine provided a safe drink for long voyages. Dan Odfjell, a norwegian **ARMADOR** (shipowner), perpetuates this legacy by making wines to sail from Chile across the seven seas.



VINEYARDS

D.O. Maipo Valley

The grapes come from our historic vineyard in Padre Hurtado in the lower Maipo Valley (33° 32'25" S) at an altitude of 405 meters above sea level. The clay soils have a neutral pH and are of alluvial origin from the Maipo River basin. They are deep with good drainage, which helps control plant vigor for proper fruit load with small clusters and berries. The climate is Mediterranean with an average annual rainfall of 250–300 mm, and the daily temperature differential is 20°–25°C. All of these factors plus the coastal influence work together to enable proper fruit ripening. The vineyard is certified organic and biodynamic and managed accordingly.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 vintage was complex and challenging because fruit ripening was affected by high summer temperatures, and rainfall in April caused problems for production in much of the country. However, proper vine management and early harvest allowed us to obtain very healthy, high-quality fruit.

ENOLOGICAL NOTES

The grapes were received and destemmed in our winery in Padre Hurtado. Alcoholic fermentation took place spontaneously with native yeasts and lasted approximately 7 days with maximum temperatures of 24°–25°C in 40,000-liter stainless steel tanks. Total maceration time was approximately 16 days. Malolactic fermentation took place while the wine aged in stainless steel tanks.

Merlot Harvest date: mid-March

Brix at Harvest: 24

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby red in color with outstanding fruity aromas of cherries and figs with dark chocolate on the backdrop. Good acidity lends freshness, and the smooth, velvety tannins make for a round and silky palate with a pleasing finish and notes of red fruits and spices.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Composition: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 13.5°

pH: 3.47

Residual Sugar: 2.54 g/L

Total Acidity: 5.63 g/L

Aging: 100% in stainless steel tanks