

Viña Perez Cruz 'Chaski', Maipo Alto, Petit Verdot 2016



An opulently styled and intense wine with vibrant black fruits enhanced by mint, herbal and dark chocolate notes.

Producer Note

Perez Cruz is a family owned boutique winery located in the Alto Maipo. Their estate covers 250 hectares of vines planted in one of the most sought after areas for growing premium Cabernet Sauvignon. This red wine specialist also produces small parcels of Syrah, Cot (Malbec), Carmenère and Petit Verdot. They also produce an elegant cool-climate Sauvignon Blanc from Casablanca. From the first vintage in 2002, Andres Perez Cruz has seen the estate's speciality red wine amass an impressive array of awards and gold medals. Their eco-friendly winery was built by award winning architect Jose Cruz Ovalle, to fulfil the technical objective of fine wine production. Its wooden roof and natural light allow thermal isolation and free air flow circulation, making it one of the most unique wineries in the world.

Vintage

2016 was characterised as being a relatively cold and rainy year. High levels of rainfall during the harvest period combined with low temperatures, resulted in an intense harvest period with some varieties being harvested later than usual. The wines tend to have higher levels of natural acidity and nerve than in other years.

Vineyard

The Liguai Estate is located in the Maipo Andes subregion and is nestled against the mountain foothills at between 440 and 520 metres elevation. Trained on Double Guyot systems the vines are drip irrigated and are grown in rocky soils of both alluvial and colluvial origin. The cooling influences of the mountain air, along with the Pacific Ocean breezes ensure a long ripening season, resulting in concentrated flavours in the berries combined with a balancing acidity. Harvested by hand, the grapes are picked when they have reached the perfect maturity.

Winemaking

The grapes were carefully selected and macerated at a temperature of 7°C in stainless steel tanks for 24 to 72 hours. During fermentation, the frequency of pumping over was reduced, as Petit Verdot imparts good levels of colour, structure and flavour without too much extraction. During the final third of fermentation, gentle pump-overs took place to submerge the cap. Post fermentation maceration lasted for 10 days, before being transferred 100% French oak barrels, where malolactic conversion took place, followed by 12 to 14 months ageing.

Tasting Note

A complex and elegant Petit Verdot with aromas of ripe red fruits enhanced by herbal, tobacco, black pepper and spicy notes. The palate is well structured and fresh, with soft tannins and a distinctive mineral note that leads to a long finish.

Grape

Petit Verdot 100%



Winemaker:	German Lyon
Region:	Valle de Maipo
Sub region:	Maipo Alto
Country:	Chile
Alcohol:	14.5%
Body Value:	D (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	2.6
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	5815716A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Natural Cork