



# LA CUMBRE

2019

D.O. ACONCAGUA VALLEY

La Cumbre represents Viña Errázuriz's pioneering spirit when it introduced the Syrah variety to Chile in 1993.

## HARVEST NOTES

**The season was slightly warm, with very low precipitation and ended rather cold, which favoured the correct development of the vines and tremendous balance in the ripening of very healthy grapes. The result is wines with excellent concentration and complexity.**

The season began with 55% less water accumulated in the soils, with a total of just 71 millimetres, compared to the historic 156 millimetres for this period. The spring began with high temperatures, and bud break started on September 17<sup>th</sup> for Carmenere, seven days earlier than the historic date.

Flowering occurred slightly early, given the high heat summation in November. These conditions also permitted excellent fruit set in Carmenere, resulting in higher yields.

The month of January, however, was quite unusual, with a heat summation that was 7.9% lower than average, delaying veraison by 7 days for Cabernet Sauvignon and 14 days for Carmenere. Temperatures picked up in February with a heat summation that was 6.2% higher than the historic average, and finally, March was 6.6% colder. The harvest took place 10 days earlier in Cabernet Sauvignon, due to yields that were 15% lower than expected, while Carmenere was harvested on its historic date, April 30<sup>th</sup>, with 38% more fruit than anticipated.

Our MAX vineyards benefitted from the age of the vines and a precision irrigation system, which allowed us to withstand a particularly dry year. Fortunately, the heatwave that affected Chile's Central Valley was not as harsh in the Aconcagua Valley, which favoured the fruit, delivered smooth and ripe tannins, enabling us to produce complex and elegant wines that are well defined in their varietal profile.

## TASTING NOTES

*"The 2019 vintage of La Cumbre is deep and intense purple in colour with ruby highlights. The nose offers aromas of lavender, pink pepper, blueberries, maqui, and blackberries framed by cloves and nutty notes that recall marzipan with delicate touches of cinnamon and nutmeg. Notes of blueberry pie, black cherries and dark chocolate appear on the palate. This is a lush and very juicy, long and mouth-filling wine with tremendous breadth, balance and persistence."*

Francisco Baettig, Technical Director



COMPOSITION: 96% Syrah and 4% Viognier

ALCOHOL: 14%

pH: 3.54

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.65 g/L (in tartaric acid)

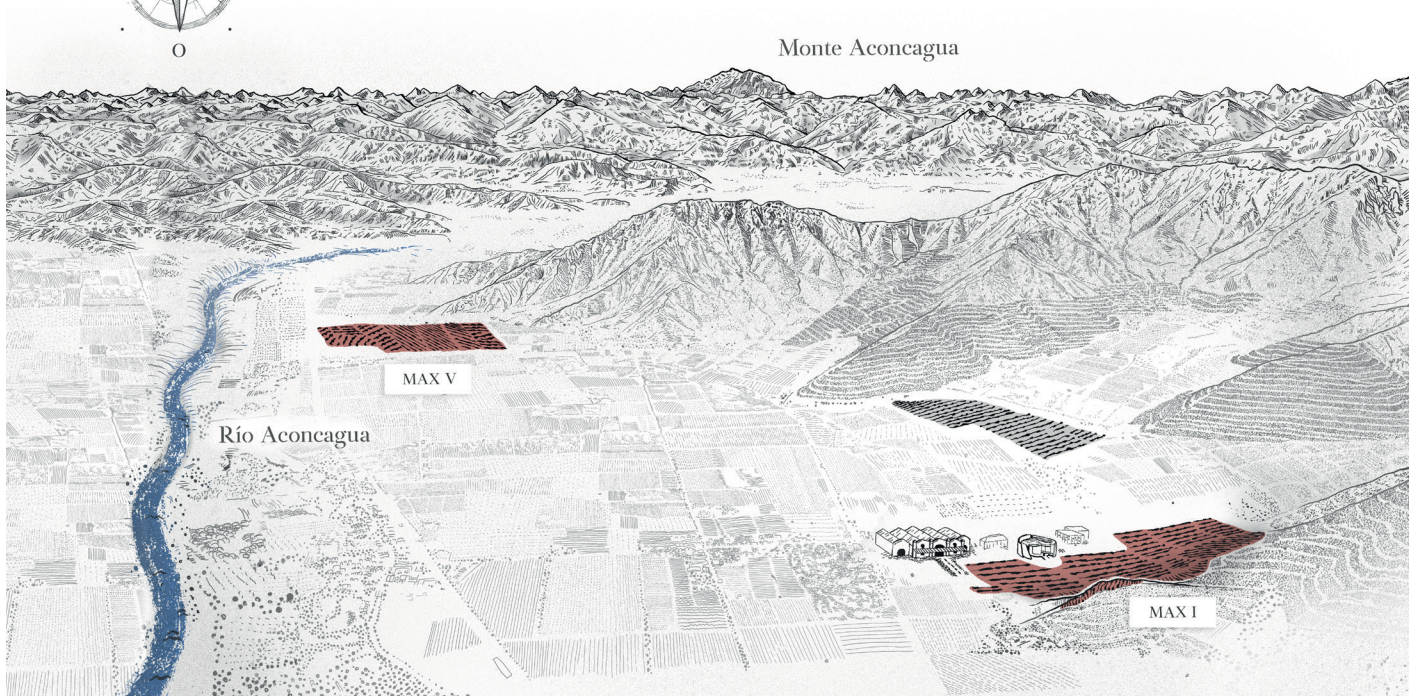
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 2.59 g/L

AGEING: 22 months in French

oak barrels, 60% new and

15% Stockinger foudres

## VINEYARDS' MAPS FOR LA CUMBRE



### VINEYARDS

The grapes for La Cumbre were selected from the best lots of our MAX I and MAX V vineyards in the Aconcagua Valley, 60 kilometres from the Pacific Ocean. The region's Mediterranean climate presents an extended dry season cooled by gentle afternoon breezes that enter the valley from the Pacific Ocean.

### MAX I

MAX I, part of our historic Don Maximiano Estate vineyard, is planted on a northeast-facing hillside with a 5° - 25° slope. It features weathered intrusive igneous rock (Diorite) and coarse alluvium with abundant mica and a sandy-loam texture.

### MAX V

MAX V is situated on an alluvial plain on the southern bank of the Aconcagua River. It is somewhat cooler than usual for the region because of its proximity to the river and minimal, relatively unexposed slope. The soil is deep, with clay to clay-loam texture and a high stone content of up to 80% that provides excellent drainage.