

Villa Montes,
Central Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
Valle Central, Chile



Grape Varieties	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Winemaker	Aurelio Montes Jnr
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Montes was established in 1988 by Aurelio Montes, Douglas Murray, Alfredo Vidaurre and Pedro Grand, with the aim of producing the best wines in Chile from the best regions. We have long admired Montes and what they have done for Chilean wine over the past three decades. Their wines are consistently good because they are meticulous throughout the entire production process. Montes own 800 hectares of vineyards in Apalta and Marchigüe located in Colchagua Valley as well a single vineyard Zapallar, located in coastal Aconcagua Valley. Their own vineyards cover 75% of their requirements. The other 25% of fruit is produced on vineyards they have planted, cultivated and picked. In other words, they control everything except the ownership of the land. In addition to this control over the vineyard, they also sell in bulk what is not good enough to go into the bottles that carry their label.

VINEYARDS

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes come from the Colchagua Valley renowned for making excellent red wines. In Colchagua, the moderating breezes from the ocean slow ripening, allowing the wines to achieve perfect ripeness. Cool nights help to retain acidity, giving freshness to the wines.

VINTAGE

After some difficult years, the harvest was refreshingly uneventful. Very warm temperatures throughout the seasons and some light rain at the beginning of April produced grapes that were of good concentration and quality.

VINIFICATION

All grapes were hand harvested then crushed before being transferred to temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Fermentation lasted 12 days and the wine was kept in contact with the skins for 10 days to add colour and structure. After malolactic fermentation, 30% of the final blend was transferred to French oak barrels for eight months to add complexity.

TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon is deep ruby red in colour. On the nose, the wine has blackberry and blackcurrant aromas. The palate is medium bodied, with soft tannins, crisp acidity and a lingering finish.