

ERRAZURIZ

The state-of-the art winery at Errazuriz has been thoughtfully designed to minimize energy usage year-round.



MAX Chardonnay 2018

Aconcagua Costa, Chile

ESTATE

Errázuriz is recognized as perhaps the single top quality producer of Chilean wines. Within recent years, Eduardo Chadwick, President, was named Decanter Man of the Year 2018 and the winery was awarded Best Chilean Winery 2017 by Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

WINE

One of Francisco Baettig's favorite varietals to work with, year after year MAX Chardonnay is noted for its crispness and lively acidity. The exceptional soils and cool ocean breeze provide optimal conditions for Chardonnay in Errazuriz' coastal vineyards, located just 8 miles from the Pacific. The diverse soils control plant vigor, producing fruit that is balanced yet intensely concentrated, with a beautiful fresh citrus and mineral profile.

VINEYARD

Soils: Thin, 15-30 inch layer of loam texture over a layer of clay and broken slate-like rocks (schist)

Farming: Environmentally friendly processes include using gravity instead of pumps to move wine, controlling temperatures with wind in underground ducts to avoid use of air conditioning, and using solar panels and special window glass to save energy.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Chardonnay

Fermentation: Handpicked, sorted, whole-cluster pressed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. Approximately 30% of the final blend underwent malolactic fermentation.

Aging: 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new

Alcohol: 13%

VINTAGE

2018 experienced moderate temperatures with a heat summation that was only 1% higher than average. This allowed for a very balanced ripening and harvesting.

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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"The pretty affordable 2018 Max Reserva Chardonnay from Aconcagua has moderate alcohol and remarkable acidity and freshness. The full clusters were pressed and the juice let to settle, and then it fermented in French oak barrels (20% new), where the wine matured for ten months. All of these wines have a very clean and precise profile, very integrated oak, moderate alcohol and aromas and flavors in the citrus range, with floral undertones. The palate is medium-bodied with clarity and a long, tasty, almost salty finish." - RP, 2/2020

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James Suckling

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