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## MERLOT 2014

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### **The Appellation: Casablanca Valley**

The Casablanca Valley is a cool climate area on the northwestern side of Chile's coastal range less than 30 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean. Our estate occupies the extreme eastern end of the valley and is noted for its gentle Pacific breezes and early morning fog, making it the ideal climate for producing cool climate red varietals such as Pinot Noir and Merlot.

### **The Vintage: 2014**

The 2014 vintage produced great quality fruit due to low yields and dry growing conditions during spring and summer with wide thermal amplitudes between day and night. Slow ripening of the grapes enabled them to preserve their freshness, flavor, aroma, and an elegant acidity.

### **The Wine:**

Intense aromas of blackberries and raspberry are combined with subtle aromas of currants and hints of spices. Fresh red berry fruit flavors are complemented with oak notes, leading to a long persistent finish.

### **Winemaker's Notes:**

After destemming, the grapes are cold macerated for five days in open top stainless steel tanks and fermented with native yeasts. After primary fermentation, the wine is macerated with its skin for another ten days to achieve greater smoothness and intensity of flavors. Finally, the wine is racked to neutral oak barrels and aged for 12 months.

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**Varietal Composition:** 100% Merlot

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Oak:** 12 months in neutral oak barrels



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