

Rafael Tirado Wines Laberinto Blend 2011

This hand harvested, single vineyard, is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot that Rafael Tirado planted himself in 1993. The palate is full-bodied with lavish ripe black cherries, blackberries, blueberry and cassis fruit that coat the mouth. Hints of eucalyptus and violets lead to a structured yet smooth finish with subtle hints of oak. Succulent fruit with good grip.



Vintage: 2011
Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon 60% / Merlot 40%
Case Production 12 pack: 500
Alcohol Content: 14.00%
Region / Location: Colbún, Maule
Vineyard: Laberinto ME and CS Block, 12.3 acres
Planted: Planted in 1993 - 1995
Altitude: 2,000 ft
Farming Practices: Organic
Soil Type: Volcanic
Trellis System: Vertical Trellis
Yield: 500
Stem Inclusion: None
Yeast: Native
Winemaker: Rafael Tirado
Élevage: French barrels, 14 months
Lees Contact:
Filtration Method: Unfiltered and Unfined
Maceration / Fermentation: 4-days cold soak. e alcoholic fermentation lasted for about 2 weeks using wild yeasts. e wine completed a period of 22 to 30 days inside the tanks.
UPC Code: 7804632830003

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As one of ten children, Rafael Tirado has long been prepared to navigate his way through life. Over the course of his decades long career, he has made wine around the world, managed several mid-sized Chilean wineries, many of which are exported to the USA, and has become one of the most sought after wine consultants in Chile. Rafa purchased land in the Eastern Maule Valley in the front range of the Chilean Andes and planted his first estate vines in 1993 on volcanic ash over granite. He currently has five parcels totaling 18ha of vines. His vineyards are legally recognized to be located within the Colbun DO and currently is the only estate producer in the DO. Much of his vineyard is planted in various orientations, some of which are planted in the shape of a labyrinth. Rafael built a small gravity fed winery and a geothermal barrel and bottle room on the property, and currently produces estate wines under the Laberinto and Vistalago labels. We believe these wines to be some of the most classical expressions of terroir in all of Chile, and Rafael Tirado to be a beacon of Artisan Chilean Wine.