

Rafael Tirado Wines Vistalago Mezcla Tinta 2016

This 100% estate blend of Merlot, Cab Franc, and Syrah is from the north facing slopes of Rafael Tirados vineyards in Colbún. The wine show notes of strawberries and delicious red apple encapsulated in baking spices of cinnamon, clove, brown sugar, and caramel. A rich, round mid palate with hints of bacon fat lead to a lush, long finish lifted up with minerality.



Vintage: 2016
Varietal: 62% Merlot, 30% Cab Franc, 8% Syrah
Case Production 12 pack: 800
Alcohol Content: 13.5%
Region / Location: Colbun, Maule
Vineyard: Vistalago, 5 acres
Planted: 1993
Altitude: 1800 feet
Farming Practices: Organic
Soil Type: Volcanic and Granitic
Trellis System: VSP
Yield: 800
Stem Inclusion: None
Yeast: Native
Winemaker: Rafael Tirado
Élevage: 12 months in 2-3yr old french barrel
Lees Contact:
Filtration Method: Unfiltered and Unfined
Maceration / Fermentation: 25 days with pumpovers
UPC Code: 7804632830096

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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.