

TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

ALCANCE GRAN RESERVA MERLOT, 2014

BACKGROUND

WHEN WE CAME TO CHILE IN THE EARLY 1990S MOST OF THE COUNTRY'S WINERIES WERE CONGREGATED TO THE NORTH IN THE WARMER AREAS OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY. WE CHOSE A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. WITH OUR EXTENSIVE WINEMAKING HISTORY IN THE COOLER REGIONS OF CALIFORNIA, AND A BELIEF THAT "CUSP" CLIMATES PRODUCE THE MOST COMPLEX AND BALANCED WINES, WE LOOKED TO THE MAULE VALLEY. THE LAST TWO DECADES HAVE TAUGHT US THAT MAULE IS A PLACE OF UNLIMITED POTENTIAL. WITH MODERN PLANTING, FARMING AND WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES, MAULE CAN PRODUCE WINES THAT DELIVER ALL THE DEPTH, CHARACTER AND COMPLEXITY OF MANY OF THE WORLD'S FINEST. ALCANCE IS BUILT AROUND ESTATE VINEYARDS PLANTED OVER DOZENS OF SOIL TYPES IN VARIOUS CLIMATIC REGIONS. WE PRODUCE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT, CARMENÈRE, VIGNO (OLD-VINE CARIGNAN) AND BRAVURA, OUR FLAGSHIP BORDEAUX BLEND, ALL OF WHICH REFLECT OUR UNIQUE TERROIR AND SENSE OF PLACE.

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THE 2014 ALCANCE MERLOT TRULY SHOWCASES THE POTENTIAL OF EL MAITÉN VINEYARD. THIS WINE BOASTS A VIVID COLOR WITH DEEP AROMAS OF PLUM AND OTHER DARK FRUIT ACCOMPANIED BY DELICATE HINTS OF OAK. THE PALATE IS GENEROUS AND RICH WITH BOTH FRUIT AND CHOCOLATE NOTES, SOFT TANNINS, AND A LUSH FINISH.



VINTAGE: 2014

WINERY: ALCANCE ([HTTP://WWW.ALCANCECHILE.COM/](http://www.alcancechile.com/))

REGION: MAULE VALLEY

CASE QUANTITY: 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: -



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