

# TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

## ALCANCE GRAN RESERVE CARMENERE, 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.

### TASTING NOTES

LUSH NOTES OF BLACKBERRY AND SPICE ARE ABUNDANT IN THE NOSE AND FOLLOW THROUGH TO THE FRUITY, SPICY PALATE. THE TANNINS ARE ELEGANT AND REFINED. THIS IS A POWERFUL WINE WITH A BEAUTIFUL PERSONALITY WHOSE RICH FLAVORS TRULY CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF THE VINEYARD.

### REVIEWS

#### **93 POINTS, WINE & SPIRITS:**

"FROM TEN-YEAR-OLD VINES PLANTED IN THE GRANITIC SOILS OF SAN FRANCISCO VINEYARD, THIS CARMENÈRE BALANCES ITS SCENTS OF HERBS AND SPICES WITH AN EXTRA DEGREE OF ACIDITY THAT MAKES IT SO DRINKABLE, AND PERFECT FOR LAMB CHOPS. THE TIGHT, PLEASANTLY RUSTIC TANNINS WILL DO THE REST. CHILL IT DOWN TO ENHANCE THE RED FRUIT FLAVORS THAT SHINE IN THE BACKGROUND."

#### **92 POINTS AND "EDITOR'S CHOICE" FROM MICHAEL SCHACHNER (WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE):**

"A MAGENTA COLOR AND RIPE GRAPY AROMAS OF BLACK FRUITS ACCENTED BY SPICE AND OLIVE OPEN THIS PLUMP WIDE-BODIED CARMENÈRE. SPICY BLACK CHERRY AND BLACKBERRY FLAVORS ARE STOUT AND ROCK SOLID ON A UNWAVERING FINISH. DRINK THROUGH 2020"



**VINTAGE:** 2014

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

**REGION:** MAULE VALLEY

**CASE QUANTITY:** 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 750 ML

**COMPOSITION:** -



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