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## REGIONAL SELECTIONS

### 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Carmenère, Central Valley



**Originally a minor grape variety from Bordeaux, Carmenère is now more widely planted in Chile and has become one of the country's signature grape varieties.**

**Variety:** Cabernet Sauvignon 90%,  
Carmenère 10%

**Region:** Central Valley, Chile

Central Valley is a large wine growing area stretching north to south on flat lands between the Andes Mountains and Chile's Coastal Range. Rainfall is low and snow melt from the Andes is an important water source. Our vines were planted in 2000 and 2001 on a trellis known locally as espaldera to allow good airflow and ripening. The vines are cane pruned and the vineyard has a modern irrigation system. The soils are a mix of loam and gravels.

**Vine to Glass:** The season was notably warm and dry, though rain late in the season provided relief in

many parts of Central Valley. The warm conditions led to a slightly early harvest of fruit of excellent flavour development, relatively low acid and high sugar levels. The fruit was hand harvested in the first and second week of April. Fermentation was in stainless steel with select yeast and minimum pump over so as not to over-extract tannins.

**Tasting Notes:** With its beautiful intense colour, vibrant red fruits and fine but assertive tannin, this is a great example of Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon Carmenère.