



# CARMEN

FOUNDED IN 1850

## GOLD RESERVE

*Our "Carneros 288" parcel lies in the Maipo Valley, in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. The grapes from these vineyards, planted in 1957, are carefully harvested and hand selected to finally produce Carmen Gold Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon; deep, elegant and balanced. Gold Reserve shows Carmen's commitment to Chile's highest viticulture quality, the fundamental pillar of our philosophy.*



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009

VARIETAL CONTENT	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	Maipo Valley
ALCOHOL CONTENT	14,2% Vol.
TOTAL ACIDITY	6,66 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR	3,49 g/l
PH	3,36

## HARVEST AND PRODUCTION

The grapes for our Gold Reserve were handpicked from a small block named Carneros 288, planted in 1957 on the world famous alluvial terraces of Alto Maipo, Chile. The alluvial terraces were formed from volcanic material carried down into the flat areas from the Andes Ranges by the Maipo River. This provides us with a unique terroir that adds concentration and elegance to our wines. The soils have good drainage and ideal water retention due to the concentration of clay in the soil profile ranging from 8-12%.

The grapes were carefully selected before crushing, individual berry selection was a key part of our quality control process. The crushed grapes were cold macerated for 10 days at 5°C, this ensures colour stability and retains primary fruit aromas. Fermentation was carried out in stainless steel tanks at temperatures ranging from 25 up to 28° C. A gentle extraction programme was essential to obtain structure, firm tannins and clean fruit. The wine was macerated after alcoholic fermentation for another 5 days. The wine was racked into brand new French oak barrels were, malolactic fermentation took place naturally in barrels. The wine was aged in barrels for a period of 18 months. Our Gold Reserve was bottled unfiltered to preserve its character and volume. After bottled the wine was further aged for another 12 months in our cellar prior to its market release.

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Our Gold Reserve shows a deep ruby-purple colour. The nose is dense, rich with clean fruit character driven by perfumed cassis, blackcurrant and cigar box. Cherries, graphite and black truffles give the wine another dimension. Our Gold Reserve has a great combination of clean fruit and complex aromas delivering elegance and length.

The mouth is soft and alive. Creamy textures give weight to the firm tannins the wine is long and persistent. Black fruit and soft spices are very alive in the back palate this wine travels the mouth slowly showing elegance and vibrancy. A wine to feel Alto Maipo and to enjoy every sip!

## AGING POTENTIAL

12-15 years.