



CARMEN

SINCE 1850

GOLD

Vintage 2018

Vintage Notes

The 2018 harvest was particularly special for Alto Jahuel, with ideal conditions throughout the season, good rainfall during winter, mild temperatures in spring and then a rise in temperatures in December that helped even the crop and allowed an early and concentrated veraison, to then slightly cool down in January and finish the season with warmer temperatures than average. The rainfall was 264 mm throughout the year, which is in line with the historical average of the last 5 years. The weather pattern was very similar to a classic Alto Maipo year, reaching a heat summation only 12 degree days lower than the average. The result was of great balance, with good yields and exceptional quality. Definitely a year to remember.

Vinification

The grapes were hand-picked early in the morning and were taken to the winery in small 12 Kg boxes. They went through an optical selection before going into the tank. The fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at 23°-28°C (73°-82°F). The maceration time was of 24 days. The skins went to a vertical press, using different pressures to obtain the press wine, which was then used in the final blend. The wine was aged in French oak barrels for 24 months, of which 30% were new, clarification and stabilization happened naturally during this period.

Appellation: Alto Jahuel Vineyard, Maipo Valley

Composition: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 13,5 %Vol

Total acidity: 5,73 g/l

pH 3,63

Residual sugar: 1,7 g/l

“Our Carmen Gold 2018 shows a beautiful bright ruby color with violet hints. A pure entry on the nose, with aromas of cherry, cassis and slight hints of violets. On the palate, fresh red fruit and blackberry comes through, followed by subtle notes of herbs and cloves. Elegant, smooth and with a unique depth, this wine promises a great ageing potential and is among the most balanced versions of Carmen Gold we have ever achieved”.

Emily Faulconer, Winemaker

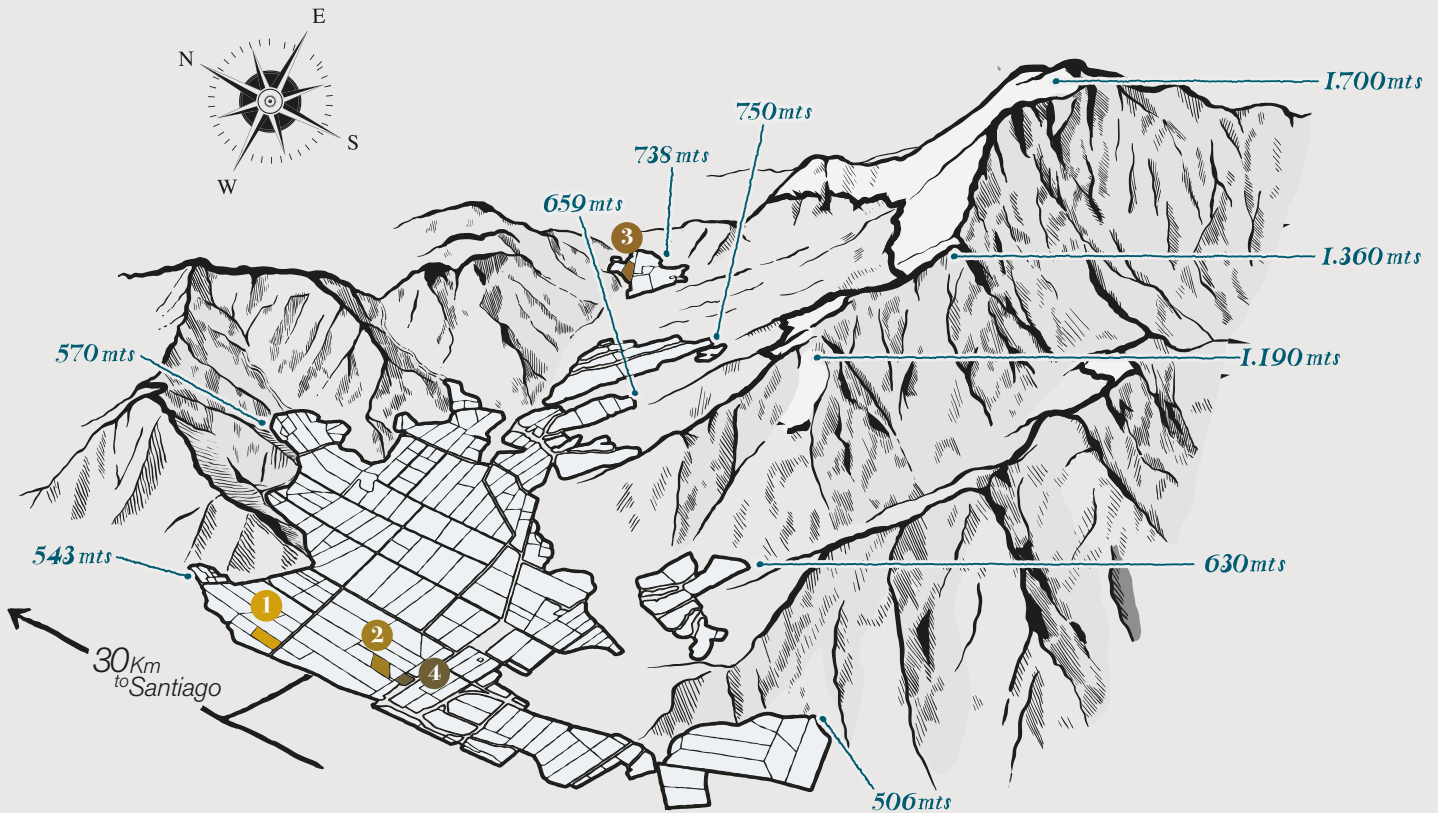
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D.O. VALLE DEL MAIPO
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..... Alto Jahuel Vineyard

The vineyard is located south of the suburbs of Santiago, at the toe of the Andes mountain range. It is about 5 to 6 kilometres south of the Maipo River in an area where the surrounding relief is made up of tall hills and small mountains, marked, with angular rather than rounded outlines. It extends at the outlet of a valley with slopes mainly facing west.



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❶ Carneros 288

Cabernet Sauvignon, massal selection, ungrafted
Planted in 1957.

Located on the alluvial plane on the western side of the property at 536 masl. The slope is very low (<1%). The geological substratum is composed by coarse-grained alluvium, made up of rounded pebbles, boulders and gravels of volcanic and plutonic rocks. The topsoil is a deep soil, with very low stoniness (<1%) with clay to silty clay texture.

❷ Carneros 612

Cabernet Franc, Davis Clone, ungrafted
Planted in 2000.

Located on the alluvial plane on the western side of the property at 536 masl. The slope is very low (<1%), with a southern exposure. The geological substratum is composed by coarse-grained alluvium, made up of rounded pebbles, boulders and gravels of volcanic and plutonic rocks. The topsoil is a deep soil, with very low stoniness (<1%) with clay to silty clay texture.

❸ Lo Arcaya 5

Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 46,
Rootstock 101-14
Planted in 2008.

Located on the highest part of the vineyard is at 717 masl. The slope is moderate (6%), with a south-west exposure. The geological substratum is composed by a debris cone, made up of moderate stoniness with angular gravels. The topsoil is a thick soil, with silt loam to clay loam texture.

❹ San Rafael 315

Cabernet Sauvignon, massal selection, rootstock 110R
Planted in 2002.

Located on the alluvial plane on the western side of the property at 536 masl. The slope is very low (<1%), with a southern exposure. The geological substratum is composed by coarse grained alluvium, made up of rounded pebbles, boulders and gravels of volcanic and plutonic rocks. The topsoil is a deep soil, with very low stoniness (<1%) with clay to silty clay texture.