

Sena

Seña 2014 delivers a complex and concentrated expression of Aconcagua, combining ripe red fruits, herbal nuances, and refined tannins in a wine of great depth and ageing potential.

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Alcohol :14,00 %

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Aconcagua Valley, Chile

Region and Vineyards

The Seña vineyard is located in the heart of the Aconcagua Valley, a region shaped by the dual influence of the Andes and the Pacific Ocean. Warm days are tempered by coastal breezes, extending ripening and preserving acidity. The hillside vineyards, planted on poor soils, restrict yields naturally, fostering concentration and aromatic intensity.

The 2014 growing season began dramatically with a spring frost in September 2013, reducing bud numbers and delaying shoot growth. Despite this difficult start, flowering progressed evenly under dry, warm conditions, while early summer brought consistent ripening. February and March were cooler than average, slowing down the final stages of maturation. This late, balanced ripening created grapes of **remarkable aromatic precision, structural power, and freshness**, hallmarks of the vintage.

Winemaking

Seña 2014 is a carefully constructed blend of **60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Carmenere, 11% Malbec, 8% Merlot, and 5% Petit Verdot**. Each variety was vinified separately to preserve its identity before being assembled into a harmonious whole.

The wine was aged for **22 months**, with 67% in new French oak barrels and 5% in large oak foudres. This élevage balances oak-derived structure and subtle spiciness with the vibrant fruit profile, delivering concentration without compromising finesse. The result is a wine of great depth, supple tannins, and lingering elegance.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with a crimson hue.
- **Aroma:** Layered bouquet of raspberry, red cherry, cedar, bay leaf, dill, and subtle tobacco, lifted by hints of anise, cocoa, and clove.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and concentrated, showing youthful yet supple tannins. The finish is long, refined, and persistent, marrying power with finesse.

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Did you know?

Seña was the **first Chilean "icon wine"**, created in 1995 by Eduardo Chadwick and Robert Mondavi to showcase Chile's potential on the world stage. Since then, Seña has become a global benchmark, distributed via **La Place de Bordeaux**, alongside First Growths and other legendary wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with chimichurri:** The wine's tannic backbone and herbal notes echo the intensity of the dish.
- **Venison with juniper and red wine sauce:** Its structure and depth complement the gaminess and sauce complexity.
- **Roast duck with five-spice:** The wine's spice and red fruit marry beautifully with aromatic seasonings.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano:** The salt crystals and nutty character resonate with the wine's depth and savoury undertones.

97 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2014)

Complex aromas of blueberry, rose petal, licorice, and currant. Full body, ultra fine tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Balanced and very refined. A wonderful purity and beauty. Give it three to four years to come together but already a beauty.

95

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2014)

The blend for the 2014 Sena was 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Carmenere, 11% Malbec, 8% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot from their stony soils. The different grapes are carefully fermented separately and with different regimes of maceration and extraction but always looking for elegance within the natural power of the zone. The final blend was transferred to French oak barrels, 67% of them new (a percentage that seems to be slowly going down), for the elevage of 22 months. This time, some 5% of the volume carried out its aging in new Stockinger foudres. This is very much in line with the 2013 and the direction set by that cool year. The wine is very harmonious, elegant within the house style. Another superb vintage of Sena. This should age effortlessly in bottle. 60,000 bottles were filled in March 2016.

92 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 92 Points (2014)

A powerful, refined and seductively fruity red, with plenty of savoriness to the red currant, plum tart and dried cherry flavors. Asian spice and minerally notes emerge on the focused and pure-tasting finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2021.