



Clos de Luz

A poised and structured Cabernet Sauvignon from old massal selection vines planted in 1945, revealing Almahue's historic depth and modern finesse.

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Massal 1945 Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Central Valley, Chile

Region and Vineyards

This Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the **Almahue Valley**, one of Chile's oldest and most historic wine regions, located in the DO Cachapoal Valley. Just 360 hectares are under vine, and many date back to the early 20th century. The estate vineyards are situated on hillsides with fine loam soils derived from **granitic bedrock**, enriched with quartz and oxidized iron. These well-drained soils provide minerality and tension.

The Mediterranean climate features warm, dry days and cool nights during the growing season. This wide diurnal temperature range is essential for the development of color, tannins, and acidity. The old vines, planted in **1945**, are maintained through massal selection and include scattered **Malbec vines**, which are co-fermented in this cuvée to enhance complexity.

Winemaking

The grapes are **hand-harvested early**, in small 8 lb. boxes, with strict fruit selection and gentle extraction based on daily berry tasting. Fermentation is carried out using **native yeasts**, emphasizing a natural and terroir-driven profile. No chemical stabilization is used; winter temperatures in the valley naturally clarify the wine.

Aged for **12 months**, the wine sees a varied aging regimen:

- 40% in French oak barrels of different ages
- 44% in a **7,000-liter concrete Taransaud oak tank**
- 6% in new 500-liter French oak (Sylvain cooperage)

This approach preserves freshness and aromatic integrity while building texture and depth.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Intense ruby red.
- **Aroma:** Expressive nose of sweet red fruit, blackberries, violets, and subtle notes of cedar and tobacco leaf.
- **Palate:** Concentrated and polished, with a firm but round tannic structure. The texture is friendly and smooth, supported by a vibrant core of fruit. Finishes long, persistent, and full of energy.

Alcohol :13,60 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon



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Did you know?

This wine is made from **ungrafted, massal-selected vines planted in 1945**, and includes a small percentage of Malbec plants naturally interspersed among the Cabernet rows. These historic blocks represent a living legacy of Chilean viticulture—rare in both age and authenticity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops with mushroom-Cabernet sauce** – The richness and structure of the wine complement the savory depth of the dish.
- **Mongolian beef with sesame and scallions** – Balances umami intensity with the wine's sweet fruit and spice.
- **Dry-aged ribeye steak with herb butter** – Enhances the tannic backbone and aromatic complexity.
- **Roasted portobello mushrooms** – A vegetarian option that draws out the earthy, cedar-edged character of the wine.



Robert Parker (RP) : **91 Points** (2019)

The aromatic and exotic 2019 Massal 1945 Cabernet Sauvignon feels riper than the alcohol it has and feels quite generously oaked despite being aged in used barriques and a 7,000-liter Taransaud oak vat, which might have marked the wine more than the neutral barrels. 20,000 bottles were filled in August 2020.

