

De Martino

De Martino Vigno Old Vines Carignan is a bold and expressive wine, highlighting the rich heritage of dry-farmed, old-vine Carignan from Chile's Maule Valley , with a touch of Malbec and Cinsault for added complexity.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 85% Carignan, 8% Malbec, 7% Cinsault

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Itata Valley, Chile

Region and Vineyards

The **Maule Valley**, one of Chile's most traditional wine regions, is the source of the grapes for this wine. The vineyard is located on a **4.5-hectare plot**, planted in **1955**, featuring **dry-farmed vines on original rootstock**. The soils are deep and composed of **clay and granite**, which retain moisture well, ensuring that the vines thrive despite the lack of irrigation.

The **Mediterranean climate**, tempered by cool breezes from the Pacific Ocean, provides optimal conditions for slow, even ripening. This results in grapes with exceptional concentration, freshness, and complexity. The vineyard's old vines, tended with care, produce low yields of intensely flavored fruit, forming the backbone of this remarkable wine.

Winemaking

The **2021 vintage** reflects meticulous craftsmanship, starting with a harvest on **March 11th**. The grapes were **gently destemmed** and underwent a **seven-day cold maceration**, followed by a **spontaneous fermentation** lasting 21 days, with extended skin contact to extract maximum color and flavor.

The wine was aged for **8 months in old barrels** and an additional **11 months in oak casks**, striking a balance between texture and preserving the purity of the fruit. This aging regimen, combined with minimal intervention, highlights the authentic character of the Carignan and its supporting varietals, **15% Malbec and Cinsault**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with a slight garnet rim.
- **Aroma**: Aromas of **red and black fruits**, including blackberries and cherries, complemented by notes of **dried leaves**, **tobacco**, and a touch of **earthy spice** .
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and intense, with a vibrant acidity that balances the rich fruit. The wine's **tense texture** and fine tannins lead to a **long, mineral-driven finish**, reflecting its granite-rich soils.

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Did You Know?

Vigno is part of a collaborative initiative in Chile, focusing on wines made with **Carignan** from old vines, farmed sustainably and using traditional techniques. This initiative celebrates the **history and uniqueness** of the Maule Valley, preserving its viticultural legacy for future generations.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised short ribs**: The wine's bold fruit and structured tannins complement the richness and depth of the meat.
- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary**: The herbal notes of the lamb echo the wine's earthy and tobacco nuances.
- **Wild mushroom ragout**: The wine's acidity and minerality balance the umami richness of the dish.
- **Aged Gouda or Manchego**: The wine's complexity and fine tannins pair well with the nutty and caramelized flavors of aged cheeses.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)

The old-vines series 2021 Vigno was produced with a field blend of Carignan with 15% other grapes: Malbec, Cinsault and Cabernet Sauvignon from the vineyard La Aguada in Sauzal on granitic alluvial soils. The destemmed grapes fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in neutral barrels for nine months, after which, 85% of the volume was transferred to a 2,500-liter oak foudre to complete a total of 11 months élevage. It has 13.5% alcohol and a pH of 3.33 with 6.81 grams of acidity. It's a cold year, and the wine comes through as balsamic and a little minty, with notes of camphor. No 2020 was produced from this wine, and in 2021, they went for a fresher wine with a little less alcohol; and the wine comes through as more austere, fine and elegant, a little paler, subtler than previous vintages. More elegant but less varietal? 3,770 bottles were filled in December 2022.

93 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 93 Points (2019)

The 2019 Carignan Old Vines Series VIGNO is a blend of 85% Carignan with Malbec, Cinsault, Cabernet Sauvignon and Carménère mixed at the Sauzal vineyard in Maule, which boasts old, unirrigated vines, before being aged for six months in barrels and subsequently foudres for another year and a half as per the plan set out by Marcelo Retamal. Bright purple in the glass. The delicate nose is compact initially before opening out into dried flowers and fresh sour cherry and blackberry along with hints of country herb, coffee and vanilla. Intense in the mouth with fine-grained, grippy tannins, plenty of flavor and a juicy flow.