



DAKÉL

2019 PINOT NOIR

Viñedo Maricerro

ITATA VALLEY • CHILE

In the Chilean dialect Mapuche, DAKÉL means “to woo” or “to seduce.” DAKÉL was at work when, after more than 25 years of exploring winegrowing sites in Chile, Don Hartford, Randy Ullom and Andrés Sánchez couldn’t help but be drawn to the cool, marine-influenced hillsides of the Itata Valley. This historic winegrowing region, located in the southern tail of the country’s narrow coastline, is now home to DAKÉL – the trio’s commitment to producing site-reflective Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from Chile. “There’s a lot of real passion to elevate Chile, without losing the identity.” –Andrés Sánchez, Winemaker

MARRICERO VINEYARD

Planted to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, *Viñedo Maricerro* or Maricerro Vineyard lies in hills of the Cordillera de la Costa mountains – a gently receding, older range juxtaposed against the younger Andes. The name Maricerro pays homage to the nearby Pacific (mar means sea in Spanish) and the Andes Mountains (cerro translates to hill), which serve as a backdrop to the nearly 30 acres of hand-cultivated Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

VINTAGE NOTES

A frigid winter and scarce rainfall delayed budding and growth in the vineyard during the 2019 vintage. The same conditions and the vineyard’s proximity to Pacific breezes, however, helped to generate protection against spring frosts. The weather turned ideal throughout the growth and maturation stages in late spring and summer. Abundant sunshine and continuous sea breezes delivered the perfect equipoise to ensure freshness and purity of the fruit. Bone-chilling nights during the harvest helped to elevate the mineral, quartz-like expression of DAKÉL’s wines.

WINE NOTES

At harvest, the grapes are hand-picked and placed into small boxes. After destemming, the grapes undergo a five-day cold soak in stainless steel tanks, followed by twice daily punchdowns. The juice is fermented until dry, after which the grape skins are pressed off the wine, which is placed in 10% new French oak to age for 12 months.

The 2019 vintage of Pinot Noir expresses the elegance and intensity of coastal Pinot Noir from the granitic soils of our estate vineyard. The nose exhibits a tsunami of red and black fruits: cranberry, blackberry, and raspberry, balanced by wild rose petal aromas. A chalky texture and beautiful minerality enhance the concentration of these flavors, which persist on the palate.

COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL

14.5%

WINEMAKING TEAM

Andres Sanchez, Randy Ullom, Don Hartford

PRODUCTION

1,382 bottles