Seña 2016

Ocoa, Aconcagua Valley - Chile

Seña was created as a joint venture between Eduardo Chadwick and Robert Mondavi back in 1995, with the dream of making a wine that would show Chile's full potential, a wine that would be welcomed, in time, among the world's First Growths. Modelled on a Bordeaux style, it would have a Chilean soul given by its Carmenere variety, grown under biodynamic farming principles in the Aconcagua Valley.

Vintage 2016

Cool and very long season.
Epitome of elegance and freshness.

Rainfall arrived with some delay during winter of 2015 as the first considerable rains fell towards July, blessing us with fully replenished soils to create a perfectly balanced canopy.

Along with the rain came cooler temperatures during spring, delaying bud-break in 8 to 10 days as compared with the previous season.

This little time lag continued until flowering, which nevertheless took place very evenly during mid-November once the spring temperatures had picked up, providing ideal conditions for a healthy fruit set.

Summer reached a heat summation in line with our average records. Even though January had warm days, veraison arrived ten days later than average due to delays held over from the cold spring. The warm summer conditions continued throughout February, allowing the crop to homogenize before March arrived.

The harvest at our Seña Vineyard reached maturity later than in the previous seasons. It was mostly concentrated during the first fortnight of April, except for the Malbec, which was picked at the end of March, and the Carmenere, which was picked during the last week of April, just after the rains that arrived halfway through the month, reaching historical records of 79 millimetres. The wines have deliciously round tannins and are bolstered by a bright and balanced level of acidity. The flavours of each varietal truly stand out in this vintage, and the quality of the wines is a testament to the quality of Seña's terroir.

"Deep and beautiful ruby red colour with a bright violet glimmer. The nose offers gorgeous aromas of blueberries, cherries, and violets framed by light notes of nuts, fine pastry, and a lingering touch of truffle that lends elegance. The palate is in line with the nose while adding delicate notes of rose petals. It is fresh and juicy and full of life, with elegant, fine-grained tannins that are both firms yet delicate, and speak of wine with tremendous ageing potential."

Francisco Baettig, Winemaker
February 2018

Assemblage
55% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Malbec
12% Petit Verdot
8% Carmenere
5% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol 13.5%

Ageing
22 months
88% in French oak barrels (73% new)
12% foudres