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CACHAPOAL VALLEY, CHILE
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Old Bush Vines Las Cruces 2013



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#42: Aromas of spice, dark berry and slate. Full body, light silky tannins and a savory finish. Salty and minerally. Making it right. Mostly from dry-farmed malbec, 60 years old. Real deal. —James Suckling, www.jamesuckling.com, 2016



Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

Sourced from a 2.8-hectare plot planted with a Malbec-dominated field blend with some 25% Carménère in 1957. The soils are alluvial terraces south of the Cachapoal river on a Mediterranean climate zone, where they still manage to dry farm the vineyard. They obtained very low yields in 2013 (around 50% of the average). 2013 is the first vintage when they have had full control of the grapes, as they finally purchased the vineyards from the previous owner, so they feel that all of that has had an effect in getting much more precise fruit. That and that the vintage was fresh and almost perfect for the style they are looking for, and it displays all those textbook violet aromas mixed with something earthy, a little leafy, somehow austere but elegant and really defined. The palate is really compact with great balance between acidity, ultra-refined tannins and a level of sophistication that is really impressive. As with the rest of the range, fermentation is natural and the élevage is in 5,000-liter oak foudres. 6,600 bottles were produced.

—Luis Gutiérrez, *Wine Advocate*, 2016

