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## Carter Mollenhauer, Cinsault Aurora Valle Del Itata (2020)

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Producer	Carter Mollenhauer
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Cinsault
Region	Sur, Chile
Subregion	Itata Valley
Appellation	Valle del Itata
Vintage	2020
Alcohol by volume	13.4%

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### Sizes

**750 mL × 12 — SLV601-20**



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### Distributor's notes

From 0.5ha of vines - 100% Cinsault planted in 1950 (70 year old vines) over red granite soils in the Guarilhue Alto (D.O. Itata). Elevation is 235m and distance to the Pacific Ocean is 21km. All of these bush vines are dry farmed on ungrafted rootstock. Hand harvested, fermented spontaneously with 80% trodden whole cluster in concrete vats and native yeasts. Continues aging in concrete tanks for 8 months. Unfined, unfiltered, with minimal SO2 and only at bottling (25 mg/L). Production is 1,108 bottles, and 33 Magnums (bottled on December 18th 2020).

Harvest report: 2020 harvest was exceptionally early, by 2 weeks - and warm like 2019, again with draught since '17. The older vines could deal with this through '19 harvest but are getting more stressed. The 2020 vintage thus as a slightly higher amount of abv than previous years but fine tannins and showing great structure.

Tasting notes: Dry, medium-bodied, grainy tannins, slight chalky/mineral sensation with a little flinty note making it serious and full of character. Full of floral and fruit aromatics on the nose. Finish is long and super tasty.

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