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Carter Mollenhauer, Sémillon Aurora Valle Del Itata (2019)

Producer	Carter Mollenhauer
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape variety	Sémillon
Region	Sur, Chile
Subregion	Itata Valley
Appellation	Valle del Itata
Vintage	2019
Alcohol by volume	11.1%

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — SLV602-19



Distributor's notes

From two plots of 100% Semillón planted in 1900 and 1955 respectively organically grown on decomposed red granitic soils and an elevation of 174-265m. These are ungrafted, dry-farmed bush vines.

Hand harvested, fully destemmed in a stainless steel "zaranda" (manual destemmer) and goes into 3 completely topped-up tinaja amphora. 2 are from Chile and 1 is from Extremadura, Spain (which is more reductive). Musts ferment with their skins and native yeasts. Once a day by hand they push down the cap, to prevent the surface from drying out and avoid acetic problems. Fermentation lasts between 4-5 weeks. The wine continues to age in tinajas for 9 months with zero movements. The the wine is drained and pressed, they combine the free run juice and the press juice, decant statically and let rest for 5 additional weeks before being bottled. Unfined, unfiltered, and only a small amount of SO2 only at bottling (40 mg/L). Low abv ~ 11% and combines a harmonious mix of herbal, fruit, and spice that Semillón can have. Structured and refreshing - considered their "Mariscal frio" wine.

2,523 bottles produced in 2019.
