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Carter Mollenhauer, Vigno Vignadores De Carignan Truquilemu Valle Del Maule (2019)

Producer	Carter Mollenhauer
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Carignan
Region	Central Valley, Chile
Subregion	Maule Valley
Appellation	Valle del Maule
Vintage	2019
Alcohol by volume	12.5%

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — SLV603-19



Distributor's notes

100% Carignan grown organically over granitic, alluvial soils rich in quartz at an elevation of 255m. Vines were planted in 1950 (72 year old) and are dry-farmed, ungrafted bush vines, around 38km from the Pacific Ocean.

Hand harvested, 100% destemmed in stainless-steel "zaranda" and fermented in open vats spontaneously with native yeasts. Wine continues to age for 18 months in 4-year old used French oak barrels (225L). Bottled unfinned, unfiltered, and only a small addition of SO2 at bottling (20 mg/L). Production was: 1,929 bottles and 46 Mags.

The wine (due in part from the cooler-location of the Truquilemu vineyard) shows a fresher side of Carignan: much more perfumed floral notes, not evident in other regions of Maule. Fine tannins and subtlety in the mouth shows welcome restraint.

The 2019 harvest was warmer than the 2018 - the 2nd consecutive winter with almost no rain. A very cold spring with frost affecting bud break followed by a very hot summer. Harvested on April 12th, considered late for Carignan in Maule.
