

# SANTA EMA®

## RIVALTA

*Vintage 2018*

### MAIPO ALTO

78% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
18% CARMENERE  
4% CARIGNAN

### BASIC ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14°
pH:	3.32
Total Acidity (H2SO4):	3.51 g/L
Volatile Acidity (C2H4O2):	0.52 g/L
Residual Sugar:	2.84 g/L

### DENOMINATION OF ORIGIN

**Maipo Alto, Maipo Valley.** Carefully selected grapes were picked from the best blocks of hillside vineyards in our Estate located in the heart of the Andes mountains.

### VINTAGE

The 2018 harvest began a little later than normal due to a cold and rainy spring followed by a temperate summer. High temperatures in March and April allowed the fruit to finish ripening and also helped compensate for the late start on the harvest, which ended in early May. The quality was very good, and despite yields that were higher than expected, the wines have good aromatic intensity and acidity as well as the proper volume, character, freshness, and rounded tannins.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks with selected yeasts over the course of 6 days at temperatures ranging from 79° to 84°F (26° to 29°C), followed by a two-week post-fermentation maceration. Once the malolactic fermentation was complete, the different components of the blend were aged separately for 15 months in first-use French oak barrels. The wine was rigorously controlled and tasted throughout its evolution in the barrel and only the best lots were selected for the final \*Limited Production\* blend. Once blended, the wine was returned to the barrels for another 5 months to achieve greater harmony as it aged. The finished wine was then fined and gently bottled.

### AGING

The wine spent a total of 20 months in first-use French oak barrels, divided into an initial 15-month period for aging the individual varieties separately, and then a second 5-month period for the final blend. The wine was aged for a minimum of one year in the bottle before its release to market.

### ACCOLADES

- **95 points** – 2022 Descorchados, 2018 vintage
- **92 points** – 2021 Wine Advocate, 2017 vintage
- **93 points** – 2021 Wine & Spirits, 2017 vintage
- **93 points** – 2020 Vinous Joaquín Hidalgo, 2017 vintage

### TASTING NOTES

**Color:** Bright ruby red. **Aroma:** Intense aromas of black fruits, blueberries, black currant, black pepper, and a touch of mint and chocolate that lend elegance. **Palate:** Well rounded with excellent structure, ripe tannins, tremendous texture, and a persistent finish.

**Gastronomy:** Lamb and game meats, such as venison and boar. Delicious with duck magret, spicy dishes and chutneys, and mild red meats, such as veal.

