

# SANTA EMA®

## CATALINA

*Vintage 2018*

MAIPO ALTO

72% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

20% CARMENERE

8% CABERNET FRANC

### BASIC ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14°
pH:	3.33
Total Acidity (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ):	3.46 g/L
Volatile Acidity (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ):	0.51 g/L
Residual Sugar :	2.89 g/L

### DENOMINATION OF ORIGIN

**Maipo Alto, Maipo Valley.** Made with grapes from hillside vineyards planted 700–1,000 m asl 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 crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks for 7 days at 86°F (30°C) followed by a 6-day post-fermentation maceration. Once the malolactic fermentation was complete, each variety was aged separately in a special selection of barrels for 10 months for greater structure and complexity. After making the final blend, the wine was returned to the barrels for another 4 months to round out the blend and obtain an extraordinary and distinguished blend.

### AGING

The wine spent a total of 14 months in first-use French oak barrels, divided into an initial 10-month period for aging the individual varieties separately, and then a second 4-month period for the final blend. The wine was aged for another year in the bottle before its release to market.

### ACCOLADES

- **95 points** – 2022 Descorchados, 2018 vintage
- **91 points** – 2021 Wine Advocate, 2017 vintage
- **91 points** – 2020 James Suckling, 2017 vintage
- **92 points** – 2020 Tim Atkin, 2017 vintage

### TASTING NOTES

**Color:** Bright and intense red. **Aroma:** Classic and elegant with aromas of red fruits, plums, and cherries intermingled with notes of tobacco and vanilla that lend tremendous complexity. **Palate:** Intense and well structured with ripe tannins. This is an enveloping wine with magnificent fruit expression reflected in the long, broad finish. **Gastronomy:** Aged cheeses, grilled red meats, pork, and well-seasoned dishes.

