



CHALK HILL

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

2015 CARMÉNÈRE

OUR ESTATE WEST VINEYARD is a spectacular site with a warm south-facing slope perfect for growing red Bordeaux varieties. The rocky, porous volcanic soil challenges the vines. Yields are low, and the grapes are incredibly dark and flavorful. Cabernet Sauvignon thrives here. Our two acres of Carménère were originally planted as an experiment, but it has become a key player in some of our blends. In fact, this wine is composed of 96% Carménère with the balance being Cabernet Sauvignon.

Mainly found in Chile today, this unique varietal originated in Bordeaux, France and is a rare find in the U.S. Our 2015 Carménère offers irresistible aromas blackberry, cherry liquor, black olive, anise, and dried thyme on the nose. Its soft, plush tannins frame the juicy flavors of raspberry, blackberry, vanilla and dried herbs for a full-flavored finish.

HARVEST

Harvest Dates: OCTOBER 20, 2015

Average Yields: 2.1 TONS/ACRE

Average Brix at Harvest: 24.7°

FERMENTATION / BARREL

STAINLESS STEEL FERMENTATION WITH PUMPOVERS

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH BÂTONNAGE

Cooperage: 100% FRENCH OAK, 81% NEW

Barrel Aging: 20 MONTHS

WINE

Blend: 96% CARMÉNÈRE, 4% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Bottling Date: JUNE 2017

pH: 3.86 *TA:* 6.0 G/L *Alcohol:* 14.9%