

# Los Caminos Merlot 2018



## Region

The Colchagua Valley is a three hour drive south of Santiago and home to many of Chile's finest wineries. The region is influenced by the coastal maritime breezes and micro climate affected by Lake Rapel. The Andes mountains which dominate the country tower over the valley in the distance and are the water source used to irrigate the vines. The region is renowned for many of the finest Merlots, Cabernets and Carmenère.

## Producer

The Viña La Playa estate occupies some of Colchagua Valley's most desirable acreage benefitting from its own unique micro-climate due to the Tinguirrica and Limarí rivers which run through the vineyards. Comprising 600 acres and a \$10 million state of the art winery, this excellent producer is owned by the Sutil family who make superb modern fruit-driven wines from grapes sourced entirely from the estate. Exciting new vineyard development in the coastal Limari Valley, north of Santiago, is starting to produce some outstanding cool climate varieties. Viña La Playa is passionate about creating high quality, fruit-driven wines whilst remaining committed to the environment.

## Tasting Notes

This easy drinking red wine is a distinguished and vibrantly fruity Merlot, Chile's most successful red varietal. It is produced in the cool climate of Colchagua Valley, considered one of Chile's best regions for this variety. The nose is full of plums and bramble fruits. The palate is rich with black cherry and plum flavours with a hint of mineral character and soft, rounded structure with a medium finish.

## Food

An ideal accompaniment to red meat dishes, casseroles, stews, grilled and roast meats, pasta and cheese.

### Technical Information

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|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Country</b>     | Chile            | <b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>    | Dry   |
| <b>Region</b>      | Colchagua Valley | <b>Alcohol Content</b>    | 13%   |
| <b>Grape(s)</b>    | Merlot (100%)    | <b>Closure Style</b>      | Screw Cap                                   |
| <b>Type</b>        | Red              | <b>Organic/Biodynamic</b> | No  |
| <b>Style</b>       | Smooth           | <b>Allergens</b>          | <b>Milk:</b> No<br><b>Egg:</b> Yes          |
| <b>Oaked Style</b> | Lightly oaked    | <b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>   | <b>Vegetarian:</b> Yes<br><b>Vegan:</b> Yes |
| <b>Body Style</b>  | Medium bodied    |                           |   |



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