



## VIÑA ALTO ROBLE

### Santa Alba Merlot

#### Region

One of Chile's largest wine regions, Central Valley stretches for almost 250 miles, from just south of Santiago to the southern end of the Maule Valley. Covering many different terroirs, it produces a range of different styles, largely from international varieties (in addition to Carménère). However, recently there has also been more exploration of the potential of cool-climate areas of the Valley for more aromatic varieties.

#### Producer

In 1993 founders Francisco Achurra and Patricio Larrain began searching for new terroirs in which they could produce a wider range of varieties and styles. 'Alto Roble' means 'tall oak tree', representing strength, stability and nobility, something they aim to reflect in their wines. Winemaking is led by Eloísa Uribe, who has extensive experience including several years in the Sonoma Valley and Bordeaux and has been working at Alto Roble exclusively since 2002.

#### Viticulture

VTS and Pergola. Hand and machine harvested.

#### Vinification

This wine is unoaked to focus on the fresh, primary fruit character.

#### Tasting Note

A bright and forward nose of plum, black cherry and subtle smoky notes, the palate is well-rounded and mouth-filling with a classic Merlot plushness. Fresh acidity provides a lift on the satisfying finish.

#### Food Matching

This wine will work well with roast duck; the subtle sweetness bringing out the flavour of the meat and the subtle acidity standing up to any fattiness.

#### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	Chile
<b>Region</b>	Central Valley
<b>Blend</b>	100% Merlot
<b>Winemaker</b>	Eloísa Uribe
<b>Body</b>	Medium
<b>Oak</b>	Unoaked
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	4 g/l
<b>Closure</b>	Screw Cap
<b>Vegan</b>	Yes
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Yes
<b>Organic</b>	No
<b>Biodynamic</b>	No
<b>Allergens</b>	Sulphites