

# Root:1



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Viña Ventisquero

Winemaker: Felipe Tosso, Sergio Hormazábal

Estate founded: 2000

Region: Valle Central

Country: Chile

## Pinot Noir 2014

### WINE DESCRIPTION

The Root: 1 Pinot Noir vineyards are located in Tapihue, a central portion of Chile's famed Casablanca Valley, less than 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Maritime breezes keep temperatures cool while the bright daytime sun encourages a lengthy growing season resulting in wines with bright, fresh and ripe flavors. The red clay over granite soil ensures slow ripening, which enhances the development of natural sugars to balance the fruit's refreshing acidity. Fermented in barrels and stainless steel, the Root: 1 Pinot Noir is aged for ten months in both French oak barrels (70%) and stainless steel tanks (30%).

### TASTING NOTES

Ruby red with violet edges and rich aromas of wild strawberries, raspberries and a hint of cherry. Soft spice notes and vanilla add complexity. Medium-bodied and bright, the fresh acidity combines with ripe fruit flavors and smooth tannins for a well-rounded palate and lengthy finish.

### FOOD PAIRING

Serve this Pinot Noir with grilled fish, steamed mussels or fresh crab. Pairs well with traditional pasta dishes with lots of garlic, as well as roasted eggplant, barbecued chicken and spring vegetable risotto.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

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| Production area/appellation: | Valle del Rapel                              |
| Vineyard name:               | Casablanca Valley, Chile                     |
| Soil composition:            | Red clay over granite                        |
| Training method:             | VSP Trellis system; bilateral coron training |
| Elevation:                   | 900 - 1300 feet                              |
| Vines/acre:                  | 1080-1687                                    |
| Yield/acre:                  | 5 tons tons                                  |
| Exposure:                    | North-South                                  |
| Year vineyard planted:       | 2000   |
| Harvest time:                | Mid March                                    |
| First vintage of this wine:  | 2009   |

### WINEMAKING & AGING

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| Varietal composition:            | 100% Pinot Noir                      |
| Fermentation container:          | Barrels and tanks                    |
| Fermentation temperature:        | 71.6-78.8 °F                         |
| Malolactic fermentation:         | Yes                                  |
| Type of aging container:         | French Oak and Stainless steel tanks |
| Size of aging container:         | 228 L barrels                        |
| Length of aging before bottling: | 10 months                            |