



Flaherty Cauquenes 2020 Tequel Vineyard, Maule Valley

A dry-farmed red wine blend from Cauquenes, Chile

75% Tempranillo
19% Petite Sirah
4% País

Yields:

Tempranillo	1.5 kilo/plant
Petite Sirah	1 kilo/plant
País	0.5 kilo/plant

100% barrel aged.
17 months American and French Oak
21% New American Oak

Total production:	7494 bottles
Bottled on	29 September 2021
Alcohol	15.2%
Volatile acidity	0.67 g/l
pH	3.54
Total acidity	5.40 g/l tartaric acid
Reducing sugar	1.47 g/l

We bought the fourteen-hectare Tequel Vineyard property in 2008 and planted the vineyard between 2010 and 2011, using the traditional cultivation techniques still common in the region—in particular, dry farming and head training. The vineyard is located about 15 kilometers south of Cauquenes in the Maule Region of Chile and 42 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean, which provides a cooling influence. The gently rolling hills of the area feature deep red clay soils of granitic origin. The Tempranillo and Petite Sirah were planted in 2010 based on the crazy theory that grape vines are hardy plants that can live on their own, without the pampering of drip irrigation or a trellis system. This approach was inspired by the original País vines growing on the property, which are older than anyone still living in the area. Thus, the Tequel Vineyard is dry-farmed and head-trained, and the wine expresses the land and viticultural traditions of Cauquenes, Chile. The Tempranillo and Petite Sirah were hand harvested the 2nd of March and the País the 15th of March.

Tasting Notes

Our Flaherty 2020 Cauquenes blend is mouth-filling and complex, with dry-farmed flavors and violet aromas, richness on the palate, and juicy long tannins. Briary blackberry, cherry, and licorice flavors are beautifully complemented by notes of leather coffee, fresh raspberry, plum, pie spices, and an inky undertone of graphite and chewy tannins. This is a wine that will age well, gaining complexity with time in the bottle. We recommend drinking by 2030.

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