



# Lapostolle

FRENCH IN ESSENCE, CHILEAN BY BIRTH

## Grand Selection

### Merlot 2018



**VINTAGE:** 2018

**TYPE OF WINE:** Red Varietal

**D.O.:** Valle de Rapel

**VARIETIES:** 85% Merlot

13% Carmenère

2% Petit Verdot

**HARVEST:** March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>

**PRODUCTION:** 3.026 cases of 9L equivalent

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR:** Beautiful red deep ruby color.

**NOSE:** Fresh nose of red currants, spices and ripe berries.

**PALATE:** Pleasant mid body, with lively tannins and a long finish.

#### SERVICE AND FOOD PAIRING

Serve from 16°C (60°F) to 18°C (64°F). The ideal companion for meat, red meat and medium seasoned dishes. Vegetarian and cheese platters.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

**Alcohol Content:** 13,5% vol.

**pH:** 3.45

**Total Acidity:** 3.56 gr/L (SO<sub>4</sub>)

**Residual Sugar:** 2.60 gr/L

#### WINEMAKING

**Maceration Time:** 25 days

**Fermentation Type:** 100% in Stainless steel tanks.

**Fermentation Temperature:** 24°C- 28°C

**Ageing:** 35% of the wine was aged in second use French oak barrels for 5 months, 65% was aged in stainless steel tanks.

**Bottling Date:** October 2019

**Ageing Potential:** 5 to 8 years

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS IN 2018

This year will be remembered as a of the greatest cold vintages of recent years in Chile. The 2018 harvest started with a cool, wet winter followed on into a warm spring which allowed for a successful budbreak. Conditions remained moderate allowing the grapes to slowly ripen achieving both good fruit character and balanced alcohol while retaining acidity. Our 2018 harvest was a great success, with a moderate larger crop than normal, and showing wines with great balance & excellent typicity.



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