

CASILLERO DEL DIABLO CARMENERE 2016

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Raymond Chan, April 2018

4 Stars & 17.0 / 20 Points

Even, dark purple-red colour with black hues, youthful in appearance. The nose is well-proportioned with moderately rich fruit aromas of dark-red berry fruit along with red and blackcurrants, entwined with dark herbs and a layering of spicy and cedary oak. Medium-full bodied, the palate has elegantly concentrated and pack flavours of richly sweet dark-red berry fruit and blackcurrants infused with dark herbs, nuances of stalk, and an overlay of spices and cedary oak. The palate has light tannin structure providing good backbone, with integrated acidity. The wine carries easily to a long finish of currants, herbs and cedar. This is an elegantly concentrated, sweetly rich fruited Carmenera with currant, herb and stalky flavours along with spicy and cedary oak on a light-structured palate. Match with game meat dishes over the next 3-4 years. Fruit from the Central Valley, fermented to 13.5% alc., the wine aged in oak barrels.

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Sam Kim, April 2018

4 Stars & 87 Points

The wine is attractively fruited and fragrant on the nose showing dark berry, raspberry, dried herb and game characters, leading to a gently expressed palate that is succulent and smooth. The wine offers bright fruit flavours backed by crisp acidity and fine tannins. Friendly, tasty and easy to enjoy. At its best: now to 2019.