

MARQUES DE CASA CONCHA MERLOT 2014

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Michael Schachner, June 2017

90 Points

Aromas of balsam wood, sandalwood-scented soap, blackberry and rubber feed into a drawing palate with abrasive tannins. A heavy oak character leads blackberry and licorice flavors, while this feels tannic and grabby on the finish, with acidity that sticks out. Drink through 2023.

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Raymond Chan, April 2017

4 Stars & 17.5+ / 20 Points

Full, impenetrable black-hued ruby-red colour with slight purple hues on the edge. The bouquet is full and softly presented with aromas of dark-red plums, redcurrants and dark herbs, revealing some leafiness, melded with a layering of spicy, cedary oak. Medium-full bodied, the palate has rich and luscious fruit flavours of dark plums, red and blackcurrants and dark herbs, with spicy, cedary oak detail. The fruit is underlined by fine, grainy tannin extraction and the palate shows some alcoholic drive and power. The acidity is integrated, lending a roundness to the mouthfeel, and the wine leads to a dry-textured finish of blackcurrants and cedary oak. This is a fulsome Merlot with sweet plum, red and blackcurrant flavours on a well-textured palate with good drive and a dry finish. Match with casseroles and slow-cooked game meat dishes over the next 7-9 years. A blend of 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon from the 'San Clemente' vineyard, Maule, vines planted 1990-1998, fermented to 14.3% alc., the wine aged 18 months predominantly in French oak barrels and a small portion in foudre.

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James Suckling, May 2016

91 Points

A juicy and fruity red with walnut, citrus red and dark fruit aromas and flavors. Olive undertones. Medium body, bright acidity and a medium finish. Shows real merlot character and finesse.