



Odfjell, Orzada Carignan, Maule, Chile, 2020

Producer Profile

One of the best boutique organic wineries in Chile, Odfjell Vineyards are committed to producing wines with elegance and poise, from their vineyards in the Maipo, Lontué and Maule valleys.

As one of the founding members of Chilean Organic Winegrowers, Odfjell's certified organic, biodynamic and sustainable portfolio consists of superlative old vine Carignan, in addition to more traditional varieties and blends. Cover crops and beehives amongst the vineyards aid biodiversity, whilst small Fjord horses work the land. Established by Norwegian, Dan Odfjell, with winemaking now in the very capable hands of Francisca Palacios (who takes over from Arnaud Hereu after 25 years at the winery). The two worked together on vintages since 2019, and with Francisca's meticulous approach, work with native yeasts and deft touch, the wines of Odfjell will no doubt continue to grow in terms of quality and reputation over the coming years.

Viticulture

Cauquenes is located in the Maule Valley, 175 metres above sea level. the soil is deep red clay loam. The high temperatures are moderated by cool breezes from the Pacific Ocean, and shoots are removed in late spring, leaves are pulled before fruit set, and the best clusters are selected before harvest.

Winemaking

The grapes were handpicked, and the bunches were destemmed but not crushed. The whole berries then underwent a four-day cold maceration prior to fermentation in 10,000-liter tanks using native yeasts, followed by a 10-day post-fermentation maceration at 25°C. Malolactic fermentation took place spontaneously in tanks.

Tasting Note

Deep and intense ruby colour with a touch of violet. This wine displays a never ending mix of aromas such as cherry liqueur, liquorice, white fruit such as apricots, white peaches, pears and a touch of lychee. A note of jasmine to wrap up. A refreshing experience.

Food Matching

Spiced chicken balti, cassoulet, poulet basquaise (Basque-Style Chicken)

Awards

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Technical Details

Varieties:

Carignan 100%



ABV: 15.5%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

No oak ageing

Product code: 3427

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