

QUEBRADA DE MACUL

Quebrada de Macul's vineyard was planted in 1995 and is by far one of Chile's top five sites for Cabernet Sauvignon. A 35-hectare parcel located in the far eastern foothills of the Upper Alto del Maipo, Quebrada de Macul sits at 900 meters above sea level, an elevation that brings a 40 degree swing between night and day temps.

Magnificently situated, these old hillside vines that were planted in 1965, produce low yields. Their non-interventionist winemaking techniques means that all emphasis is placed on terroir.



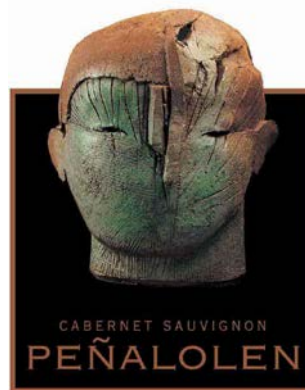
Owner, Ricardo Pena employs Jean-Pascal Lacaze to manage the vineyards and make the wines. Because Lacaze believes that "imperfection is perfection", he makes use of all plots and sub-plots, because this is the absolute expression of the vineyard's terroir.

Jean Pascal Lacaze developed an early taste for wine when his grandfather served the family's Bordeaux wine in his feeding bottle. During his formative years, Jean Pascal was influenced by his grandfather's vision for viticulture and vinification, and Jean Pascal eventually tried his hand at winemaking with a number of properties in Saint Emilion. While working, Jean Pascal received his masters in Economics in Montpellier, which led to an opportunity in Uruguay to train in business administration. But Jean Pascal listened to his wine instincts and decided to become a wine maker, consulting for Casa Figueira, where he developed the estate's first premium wine. After spending two years in South America, Jean Pascal returned to Saint Emilion for the 2002 harvest at Château Plaisance, then headed to Chile to work at famed vineyard Clos Quebrada de Macul, best known for the award winning Cabernet Sauvignon Domus Aurea.

PEÑALOLEN



CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Varietal/Blend: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon / 9% Cabernet Franc / 8% Petit Verdot / 8% Merlot

Farming: sustainable

Soil: gravely, sandy slopes

Vine Age: 10-25 years old

Yeast: cultured

Fermentation: slow, long extraction / 32 days maceration / racked into barrel where malolactic fermentation finishes

Maturation: 12 month in French oak (20% new) / racked and settled in stainless steel tanks / 18 month in bottle before release

Alcohol: 13.2%

Fined: none

Filtered: none

Production #s: 6,800 cases

"Next to a deep and intense garnet, the 2014 Peñalolen Cabernet offers a typical Alto Maipo nose: Berries, blackcurrants and ripe cherries are fused in slightly minty and spicy tones, fresh leather tones and balsamic hints in the background. Juicy and fleshy, the mouth is absolutely balanced and displays all its personality through a harmony. The fine tannins are gently wrapped by a smooth texture." – Winemaker's notes

Country: Chile

Region: Maipo Valley

Sub Region: Upper Maipo Valley

Vineyard Size: 27 hectares