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*Wine: Estate Collection Reserva  
Merlot 2014 Vt*

*Country: Chile*

*Region: Colchagua Valley*

*Producer: Viu Manent*

*Vintage: 2014*

*Colour: Red*

*Grape Variety: 94% Merlot - 4% Syrah - 2% Cabernet Sauvignon*

*Status: Still, Sustainable environmental management*

*Allergens: contains sulphites*

*Body Value: C (A is light - E is full bodied)*

*abv: 14.0% - bottle size: 75cl*



### *Tasting Note:*

*Cherry red in colour with intense aromas of spices and herbs such as thyme and bay leaf along with abundant ripe red fruits. The palate is juicy, medium bodied, and very well balanced.*

### *Winery information:*

*Viu Manent was founded in 1935 by Catalan immigrant Miguel Viu Garcia and his sons Agustin and Miguel Viu Manent. They are one of the longest established producers in the region. Initially the family focused on a negociant wine business however, in 1966 they fulfilled a long held ambition and bought the Hacienda San Carlos de Cunaco and the vineyards in the Colchagua Valley from which they had long sourced their wines. The estate included 150 hectares of noble, pre-phylloxera vines.*

*Today their passion for their family heritage and stewardship of the land drives them to produce wines with character that express their origin and individual growing season. Their vineyards are all located in the renowned Colchagua Valley and cover 260 hectares over 3 locations: San Carlos, La Capilla and El Olivar. They also source grapes from selected Casablanca vineyards for some of their white wines.*

### *The Region*

*The Colchagua Valley*

*The Colchagua Valley is located in the southern most portion of the Rapel Valley in central Chile. It is approximately 140 kilometres south of Santiago and is one of Chile's most well known wine regions particularly for its full-bodied Syrah, Malbec, Carménère and Cabernet Sauvignon.*

*Colchagua is a transversal valley running east-west and follows the course of the Tinguiririca River. It is defined by two spurs from the Andes, the Northern and Southern Mountains, which create a 35km wide valley with a unique 120km corridor between the sea and the mountains. The vineyards benefit from cool seas breezes and sharp diurnal temperature differences which help to retain acidity and freshness; and give a long growing season which allows the red grapes to develop slowly improving their flavour and colour.*

*Historically vineyards were planted on the gentler slopes but newer plantings, including Viu Manent's El Olivar vineyard, are on steeper gradients. Apalta, in the Santa Cruz area, is a steep bowl-shaped range of vineyards known for the high quality of its wines. Viu Manent's San Carlos vineyard is located here.*

## The Vineyards:

*Viu Manent wines are made with estate grown grapes from their own properties in the Colchagua Valley. The winery's 254 hectares are divided among 3 vineyards: San Carlos, La Capilla, and El Olivar. Ten percent of the white grapes come from selected Casablanca Valley vineyards, a cool coastal region.*

### San Carlos Vineyard

*Since 1995 the Colchagua Valley is sub-divided into several appellations and Santa Cruz, where San Carlos is located, is the oldest and most established of these. San Carlos vineyard is one of the oldest in Chile having been established in the 19th century with pre-phylloxera root stock from France.*

**Altitude:** 240 metres above sea level

**Soil Type:** Deep medium fertility topsoil with a loam to clay-loam texture.

**Red Varieties:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, Sangiovese.

**White Varieties:** Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier.

**Average Vine Age:** 40 years plus

### La Capilla Vineyard

*Seeking new terroirs on which to establish vineyards to bring additional richness and new characters to their wines. La Capilla, located in the Peralillo area of the Colchagua Valley, was acquired as virgin land in 1992 and planted by Viu Manent.*

**Altitude:** 230 metres above sea level

**Soil Type:** Low fertility limestone soil, slightly undulating.

**Red Varieties:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Carmenere, Malbec.

**Average Vine Age:** 16 years

### El Olivar Vineyard

*Viu Manent's newest vineyard planted on steep slopes (up to 45% gradient) in the west of the Colchagua Valley in the Peralillo area. The whole site covers 325 hectares but no more than 70 hectares will be planted to vineyard. The remaining land has been set aside and is a nature reserve for native flora and fauna.*

**Altitude:** Between 150 and 280 metres

**Soil Type:** A low fertility 'pied mont' soil with a clay texture.

**Varieties:** Merlot, Malbec, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Carmenere, Mourvedre, Grenache, Tempranillo and Tannat.

**Average Vine Age:** 9 years.

## Vinification:

*The Estate Collection Reserva range represents the purest expressions of each grape variety and are characterised by vibrant aromas and flavours. The Merlot is a blend of 94% Merlot, 4% Syrah, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon all from the Colchagua Valley.*

*The average age of the vines 15 years, at an elevation of 190 metres above sea level. The soil is a composition of sandy clay.*

*A mixed of hand and machine harvesting.*

*The berries were destemmed and fermented in stainless steel tanks, matured in stainless vessels concrete tank and 20% oak. Matured for 6 months in French oak barrels with a light filtration before bottling,*

