

FINCA EL PICADOR MERLOT



Origin

Central Valley, Chile

Producer

Viña Luis Felipe Edwards

Producer Info

The history of Viña Luis Felipe Edwards (LFE) dates back to 1976, when Luis Felipe Edwards Sr. purchased the Fundo San José de Puquillay estate, located in the Colchagua Valley, a premier viticultural region in Chile. The estate sits nestled in a secluded horseshoe-shaped valley, separated from the majestic snow-capped Andes by the smaller San Fernando ridge. At that time, it was planted with 60 hectares of vines dating back from the beginning of the 20th century, consisting mainly of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Carmenere and Merlot. In the early Nineties, Luis Felipe Sr. decided to make wine under his own name and so built a modern winery equipped with the latest state of the art technology. The first vintage, Luis Felipe Edwards Cabernet Sauvignon 1994, was launched on the international market in late 1995 and is still drinking well to this day, a testament to the level of quality of LFE wines since day one.

Viticulture And Vinification

The grapes were destemmed and crushed and the stems discarded. The must was pumped into a fermentation vessel; during fermentation, the open pump over method was used. The must fermented at 25-28°C. Pressing took place when the required amounts of colour flavour and tannin had been extracted; the pressed wine was kept separate. Malolactic fermentation occurred naturally.

Tasting Notes

Chile's Central Valley region is known for providing wines with fresh, ripe fruit flavours, plum notes and an enticing hint of smoke and this is a great example.

This rich Merlot displays smooth plum and black cherry fruit flavours.

Ideal with a variety of red and white meats and pasta dishes.

