

# SANTA EMA®

## CATALINA

*Vintage 2017*

MAIPO ALTO

72% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
20% CARMENERE  
8% CABERNET FRANC

### BASIC ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14°
pH:	3.28
Total Acidity (H2SO4):	3.87 g/L
Volatile Acidity (C2H4O2):	0.52 g/L
Residual Sugar :	3.44 g/L



### DENOMINATION OF ORIGIN

**Maipo Alto, Maipo Valley.** Made with grapes from hillside vineyards planted 700–1,000 m asl in the heart of the Andes Mountains.

### VINTAGE

The 2017 harvest was one of the earliest in the past decade and began at least three weeks earlier than usual due to a dry spring and a very hot summer. Yields were lower than expected, but of excellent quality with very healthy, aromatic, and highly concentrated grapes. The wines from this vintage will be remembered for their tremendous complexity, volume, and well-rounded texture.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks for 7 days at 86°F (30°C) followed by a 6-day post-fermentation maceration. Once the malolactic fermentation was complete, each variety was aged separately in a special selection of barrels for 10 months for greater structure and complexity. After making the final blend, the wine was returned to the barrels for another 4 months to round out the blend and obtain an extraordinary and distinguished blend.

### AGING

The wine spent a total of 14 months in first-use French oak barrels, divided into an initial 10-month period for aging the individual varieties separately, and then a second 4-month period for the final blend. The wine was aged for another year in the bottle before its release to market.

### ACCOLADES

- **91 points** – 2020 James Suckling, 2017 vintage
- **92 points** – 2020 Tim Atkin, 2017 vintage
- **93 points** – 2020 La Cav, 2015 vintage
- **91 points** – 2019 Tim Atkin, 2015 vintage

*“Based on a core of fruit from Pirque in the Maipo Alto, this ambitious red is a cuvée of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with 20% Carmenère and 8% Cabernet Franc. Aged in 75% new wood, it’s built for the long haul, with layers of cassis and blackberry fruit and plenty of tannic backbone.”*

- **92 points** – 2018 Wine Advocate R. Parker (Luis Gutiérrez), 2015 vintage

### TASTING NOTES

**Color:** Bright and intense red. **Aroma:** Classic and elegant with aromas of red fruits, plums, and cherries intermingled with notes of tobacco and vanilla that lend tremendous complexity. **Palate:** Intense and well structured with ripe tannins. This is an enveloping wine with magnificent fruit expression reflected in the long, broad finish. **Gastronomy:** Aged cheeses, grilled red meats, pork, and well-seasoned dishes.