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# Carmener-Merlot

ESTAMPA

Colchagua Valley, Chile 

VINTAGE:	2005
VINEYARD:	Estate
COMPOSITION:	Carmener (60), Merlot (40)
HARVEST:	Carmener: May, 2005 Merlot: March, 2005
COOPERAGE:	French and American Oak
T. ACID:	4.92 g/l
PH:	3.68
ALCOHOL:	14.40%
VINE AGE:	10-15 years
TYPE:	Red

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The 2005 vintage was an exceptional year and the wines from this vintage are known for their concentration and balance. Spring time was slightly cooler than average, but overall the temperatures were normal with a touch of rain in mid-April, freshening up the last days before harvest.

The grapes for our Estate Blend Carménère / Merlot are all hand-picked from Estampa's estate vineyards, where the first vines were planted in 1997 at a density of 2,700 plants per hectare. The vineyards benefit from deep soils which are sandy and clay-like in nature. All the vines have been trained to vertical shoot positioned trellis and are carefully maintained with drip irrigation.

#### Color:

Brilliant and intense violet-red.

#### Aromas:

Clearly highlights the presence of Carménère with blackberry and soy sauce aromas and light notes of black pepper and coffee.

#### Flavors:

Notes of ripe raspberry and mocha with a toasted finish. Displays great balance and concentration with integrated tannins that lend character and strength.

#### AWARDS & REVIEWS:

*|| 86 Points. ||*

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*|| GOLD MEDAL ||*

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