

# Almaviva

## 2022

### *Vintage Notes*

The winter was dramatically dry with only 70 mm of rainfall from May to September 2021 in Puente Alto, 71% less than the average of 243 mm on the period 1996-2021. Without any significant rain in spring and summer, the vintage ended with a total rainfall of just 79 mm.

The winter was warmer than usual in its initial part, before getting cooler in August and September. Expected earlier than usual, the budbreak occurred finally at normal dates. The temperatures increased in October and stayed at higher levels than usual until the end of December. After this particularly warm spring, the summer turned to be normal with temperatures according to historical figures, warmer than 2021, but clearly cooler than 2020 and 2019. The thermal amplitude between day and night was also bigger than average.

The harvest of the Cabernet Sauvignon, our predominant variety, started on March 21<sup>st</sup> —three days earlier than 2021 but five days later than 2020— and ended on April 29<sup>th</sup>, just before the Carménère was brought in between May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Drier than usual, warmer in spring, but with temperatures according to average in summer, the vintage 2022 resulted to be superb for all our Bordeaux varieties, generous in fruit and wonderfully balanced between ripeness and freshness. Between structure and acidity, richer than average, without lacking freshness.



### *Tasting Notes*

Deep, intense, and opaque ruby red. The nose shows an attractive, fresh, and layered bouquet of ripe cassis, wild strawberries, and blackberries, associated with hints of cedar and spices, fine notes of vanilla, walnut, liquorice, and cacao. Dense and generous, the wine fills the mouth with ripe, smooth, and refined tannins, leaving an overall impression of balance, elegance, and persistence. Produced from an extremely dry vintage, this well-structured wine of balanced acidity and harmonious texture is the living expression of the fabulous *terroir* of Puente Alto, the perfect harmony between complexity and tension. A superb wine with a promising and long ageing potential.

### *Assemblage*

Cabernet Sauvignon:	72 %
Carménère:	23 %
Cabernet Franc:	4 %
Petit Verdot:	1 %

Barrel Ageing: 20 months, French oak (70% new)

## NOTES

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