



*Santa Rita*

## SANTA RITA 120 CARMENERE

*Heritage and enterprise are hallmarks of Santa Rita, one of Chile's premier wine estates. Founded in 1880 by Domingo Fernandez in Chile's Maipo Valley, this historic property was among the first to pioneer plantings of European grape varieties in Chile. In 1980, it was acquired by its late owner, Ricardo Claro, under whom Santa Rita has reaped the rewards of continuous investment, resulting in a period of impressive growth, during which the winery has consolidated its position in the vanguard of Chile's most successful and innovative estates.*

*Santa Rita's internationally popular, best-selling "120" Series of varietal wines recalls the heroes of a pivotal event in Chile's successful 19<sup>th</sup> century struggle to overthrow Spanish rule. History relates that in the early 1800s Doña Paula Jaraquemada, then proprietor of the Santa Rita manor house and estate near the Chilean capital of Santiago, famously gave refuge in the cellars of her property to 120 Chilean patriots. When a brigade of Spanish soldiers arrived at the expansive one-story ranch house in search of the band of rebels, the feisty matriarch stated she would rather see the Spanish burn the property to the ground, with her inside, than let them step foot within her family home. Thus it was that band of 120 men lived on to fight another day, and the dwelling, now site of Santa Rita's highly acclaimed Doña Paula Restaurant, occupies a unique place in Chilean national history.*



### PRODUCTION AREA

Country: Chile  
Region: Central Valley

### WINEMAKER

Carlos Gatica

### GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Carménère

### PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Grapes are destemmed, crushed and fermented with frequent pumpovers. The wine is left on its skins for additional 10 days and then racked to French oak where it is aged for 6 months.

### DESCRIPTION

**Color:** Intense ruby red with violet hues

**Aroma:** Ripe red fruit and fragrant spices

**Taste:** Fresh, light-bodied and elegant with a commanding, fruity flavor rounded out by soft tannins

### ANALYSIS

Alc.: 13.9%    TA: 4.89 g/L    pH: 3.74

### SERVING SUGGESTIONS

A perfect match with lamb, chicken and hearty stews.

### BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml