## DE MARTINO ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC



100% Sauvignon Blanc. Pale lemon-yellow color. Elegant aromas and flavors of lime, stone fruit, and cut grass with fresh minerality. Medium bodied. The ripe fruit character is balanced by crisp acidity and moderate alcohol with a lingering, attractive finish. Should not be over chilled. Excellent with seafood, goat cheese, and salads. Organic.

From the Eastern Casablanca Valley, 11 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The climate is mild and cool. The vines are an average of 20 years old. Grapes are destemmed and lightly pressed avoiding extraction of bitter phenolic characteristics. The juice is left to settle and alcoholic fermentation is carried in stainless steel vats by ambient yeast at controlled temperatures. Malolactic fermentation is blocked and the wine ages with its fine lees for 6 months.

Winemakers: Marcelo Retamal, Eduardo Jordan, Marco Antonio De Martino, Sebastián De Martino.

"Wine must have charm and make you smile." - Sebastián De Martino

Pietro De Martino arrived in Chile from Italy in 1934 and began seeking a place that was as unique as the wine he dreamed of making. Isla de Maipo, with its alluvial soils and Mediterranean climate, offered the perfect conditions for making classic wines in a fresh, elegant style. Since then the De Martino family has specialized in creating wines that stand out because of their sense of place, purity and balance. The fourth generation headed, by brothers Marco Antonio and Sebastián De Martino, are bringing back wine making traditions lost in the current generation by incorporating the traditional wine making practices their grandfather once used. They use sustainable agriculture and traditional fermentation techniques that highlight the high quality of their fruit, which comes from selected parcels throughout Chile. The resulting wines are of great purity with a sense of place and balance. They continue searching for exciting terroirs and old *Tinjas* (large clay pots made from Chilean soil) while polishing their house style.

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