

# Tabalí Pedregoso Gran Reserva Syrah



**Producer:** Viña Tabalí  
**Winemaker:** Felipe Müller  
**Country of Origin:** Chile  
**Region of Origin:** Limari Valley  
**Grapes:** Syrah 100%  
**ABV:** 14%  
**Case Size:** 6x75cl  
**Vintage:** 2014  
**Suitable For:** Vegetarians and Vegans  
**Closure Type:** Cork



## The One-Liner

Stunning New World Syrah, a perfect balance of power and finesse.

## Tasting Note

The incredibly dense beetroot red colour is the result of the pure air, long hours of sunshine and diurnal temperature difference in this region. The nose has a fresh pepperiness, aromas of warm star anise and ripe damson fruit. The palate is rich and concentrated with dark fruit and fine tannins making this an elegant and well balanced Syrah with great structure and a remarkably long finish.

## Producer Details

Established in 2002, Tabalí is a pioneer and iconic winery situated in Limarí, on the edge of the Atacama Desert in one of the northernmost vineyard regions of Chile. They were one of the first wineries to settle in Limarí and their wines faithfully reflect their place of origin in which climate and soils play a fundamental role, and bring out the potential of each of their vineyards. After years of geological research, Tabalí is the only winery that produces wines that cross Chile from east to west in the same valley (D.O.), from their incredibly high and remote site of Roca Madre (second highest vineyard in Chile) in the Andes Mountains' Rio Hurtado area down to their cool climate, 'Camanchaca' fog blanketed vineyards by the Pacific Ocean. In their quest for the perfection, they now also have a site in the renowned Cabernet and Merlot region of Maipo Valley. The result is a range of truly distinctive wines with elegance, restraint and minerality which the dynamic team of Felipe Müller (winemaker) and Hector Rojas (viticulturalist) have attributed to their cabinet full of the wine world's most prestigious trophies. In 2014, Felipe Müller was named 'Chilean Young Winemaker of the Year' and acclaimed for his ability to understand Tabalí's distinctive terroir and use it to create remarkable wines, unique for Chile. Tabalí also has the honour of stewardship of the Limarí Valley's most significant archaeological sites, the mystical 'Valle del Encanto' (Enchanted Valley) which borders their vineyards. A sacred site of the ancient Molle and Diaguita culture, the many rock drawings and carved Tacita stones depict an ancient way of life. The Tabalí mask logo has been taken from one of these rock carvings, which can only be seen at certain times of day when the sun's alignment makes them magically appear.

## In The Vineyard

The vines are planted on the oldest alluvial terrace of the Limarí river, the soil profile is a mix of gravels of different sizes, clay and sand with high concentrations of active calcium carbonates (limestone) and different types of salts, due to the very little amount of rainfall per year (70–100 mm) in the area. This geological composition makes this place unique in Chile. The growing conditions here produce healthy, disease free grapes.

## In The Winery

The fruit was handpicked and then placed in 20kg cases so there is no breakage of the grapes, the

## Food Recommendations

Try with roast beef and lamb and tasty farmhouse cheeses.

picking started mid May, at its optimal phenolic maturity, with a very careful selection of bunches and after they were destalked a selection of grapes also was done. The fermentation was in small stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature followed by a short post-fermentation maceration. The wine was aged for 10 months in French oak.

### **Awards & Press**

2013 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2015 - Bronze.

2011 Vintage: Decanter World Wine Awards 2013 - Bronze

2010 Vintage: International Wine Challenge 2012 - Bronze

2013 Vintage: "Team leader Natasha Hughes highlighted this wine's 'smoky bacon, peppery nose', adding: 'Glycerol-rich palate with chunky, rich, ripe character. Decent oak in a fruit-forward style.'" Sommelier Wine Awards 2015, Judges Comments

2011 Vintage: "Earthy, creamy, dark fruit nose with a floral lift. Youthful, juicy loganberry and vanilla oak flavours." Judges comments, DWWA 2013

2008 Vintage: "Fresh, spicy oak and blackcurrant nose – opulent fruits are balanced by sweet tannins, well-handled oak and savoury acidity; bold but otherwise well-made." Anthony Rose ( 3 stars / 16 points ), Decanter Magazine, February 2011

"Just a touch of camphory, leafy green to this, with tomato skin notes, some spice and red berry fruit. The palate has a real edge of freshness running through it, with some really nice, rich fruit beneath and blackberry tartness and sweetness. Quite chocolaty tannins and very good elegance and structure. 88/100" Tom Cannavan, December 2009, <http://www.wine-pages.com/organise/tabali.htm> "It is suggested that wine lovers don't have to spend a fortune on wine to find a good bottle. Several alternatives are recommended, including the 2007 Tabali Reserve Syrah, which is produced in one of the most exciting new coastal areas of Chile, the Limarí Valley." The cheat's guide to great wine, The Observer, 14/03/2010, p.63