



# DAKÉL

2022 PINOT NOIR

*Viñedo Maricerro*

ITATA VALLEY • CHILE

*In the native language of the people of Southern Chile, DAKÉL means “to woo” or “to pursue romantically.” DAKÉL was at work when, after more than 25 years of exploring winegrowing sites in Chile, Don Hartford, Randy Ullom and Andrés Sánchez couldn’t help but be drawn to the cool, marine-influenced hillsides of the Itata Valley. This historic winegrowing region, located in the southern tail of the country’s narrow coastline, is now home to DAKÉL – the trio’s commitment to producing site-reflective single vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from Chile.*

***“There’s a lot of real passion to elevate Chile, without losing the identity.”*** –Andrés Sánchez, Winemaker

## MARRICERO VINEYARD

Planted to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, Viñedo Maricerro or Maricerro Vineyard lies in hills of the Cordillera de la Costa mountains – a gently receding, older range juxtaposed against the younger Andes. The name Maricerro pays homage to the nearby Pacific (mar means sea in Spanish) and the Andes Mountains (cerro translates to hill), which serve as a backdrop to the nearly 30 acres of hand-cultivated Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage started with minimal rainfall continuing with moderate temperatures through ripening. A brief rain event in February tempered the air and soil, giving the vines ample energy to avoid fatigue while encouraging ripening at a slower pace. Continuous sea breezes allowed for optimal grape composition with intense and concentrated flavors.

## WINE NOTES

At harvest, the grapes are hand-picked and placed into small boxes. After destemming, the grapes undergo a five-day cold soak in stainless steel tanks, followed by twice daily punchdowns. was cold-macerated for 7 days before, then a open top tank fermentation for 12 Days, spending 11 months in 25% new French barrels.

The 2022 Pinot Noir presents elegant aromas of bright blueberries and raspberries with notes of wild roses and cedar. The palate is generous and concentrated, amplified by exuberate flavors of pomegranate and black cherry with a chalky texture that creates a long and balanced finish.

### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### WINEMAKING TEAM

Andres Sanchez, Randy Ullom, Don Hartford

### PRODUCTION

1,551 bottles