

TASTING REPORT

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Friday, March 16, 2018

RITUAL

93^{PTS.}

RITUAL CHARDONNAY VALLE DE CASABLANCA 2017

Sliced, cooked apple and pear with some cream undertones. Full body, deep and layered. Very pretty combination of mineral, stone and lively acidity. I love the hit at the creamy finish. Made from organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.

91^{PTS.}

RITUAL MERLOT VALLE DE CASABLANCA 2016

The dark berry and milk chocolate character is very pretty. Hazelnut undertone. Medium body, very fine, soft and silky tannins and a juicy finish. Made from organically grown grapes. Drink now or hold.

91^{PTS.}

RITUAL PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA 2017

A pinot noir with sweet tobacco and strawberry aromas and flavors. Medium body, tight tannins and a fresh finish. Linear and fine. Drink now.

97-98^{PTS.}

RITUAL CHARDONNAY VALLE DE CASABLANCA SUPERTUGA BLOCK 2017

A tangy and deep wine with cooked apple, pie crust and rich fruit. Full body, layered and powerful. Shows excellent depth and power. One of the best chardonnays from Chile. Superb.

92^{PTS.}

RITUAL MERLOT VALLE DE CASABLANCA ARROYO BLOCK 2016

This shows serious fruit and earth character with a hint of green olive. Some toasted oak. Medium-to-full body, chewy tannins. Made from organically grown grapes. Needs two or three years to soften. Drink in 2020.

95^{PTS.}

RITUAL PINOT NOIR VALLE DE CASABLANCA MONSTER BLOCK 2017

Dried strawberry, cherry and sweet tobacco aromas follow through to a full body, firm and silky tannins and a tight and beautiful finish. Shows focus. Made from organically grown grapes. Drink in 2020.

92^{PTS.}

RITUAL SAUVIGNON BLANC VALLE DE CASABLANCA 2017

A juicy and fruity sauvignon blanc with sliced pears and green apples. Some celery. Medium body, tight and focused. Lively finish. Made from organically grown grapes. Drink now. Screw cap.