



Donna Maria Syrah

This wine is a tribute to Doña Maria Gramola Olivier who left Italy in 1951 as a mother of a big Italian family of seven. She is still the charismatic symbol of the Olivier family – owners of Viña Falernia.

Varietal Composition:	100% Syrah
Availability:	Traditional cork in a heavy Burgundy bottle
Origin:	Elqui Valley
Winery Description:	Founded in 1998, Viña Falernia has built a reputation as a high quality winery. Owner Aldo Olivier Gramola created Viña Falernia with his cousin Giorgio Flessati, a seasoned winemaker from the Trentino region in Northern Italy. Located in the Elqui Valley, Falernia remains one of Chile's northernmost wine estates at 530 km North of Santiago. The Elqui Valley provides natural advantages to the growing process including dramatic contrasts between night/day temperatures and high quality of light. Viña Falernia spans over 320 hectares of vineyards, with the territories being divided into 4 distinct vineyards. First, the Titon vineyard lies at an altitude of 350 meters above sea level, 18 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean. The second and third sites, Puclaro and Pedregal respectively, move further into the valley and reach up to 560 meters above sea level. Finally, the fourth vineyard nestled in the Andes Mountains, Huanta, continues as one of the highest in the world at 2070 meters above sea level.
Harvest method:	100% handpicked in small bins of 15 kg.
Vinification:	Grapes are de-stemmed and crushed separately, and then cold macerated. Fermentation takes place at 22-23°C in stainless steel tanks with pistons to simulate hand-punching down the cap. After fermentation the wine is partially aged in French oak barrels for 6 months.
Tasting Notes:	Peppery and spicy on the nose. Great fruit concentration with red pepper and dark chocolate notes, very soft tannins and nice balance on the palate.
Serving temperature:	18° C (65°F)
Pairing:	Great with meat in any style as well as mature and hard cheeses.

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