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2014 Louis-Antoine Luyt Empedrado Carignan

A Carignan Dry Red Table wine from Chile, Maule, Chile

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com #222 Dec 2015	Luis Gutierrez	91+	Drink: 2016 - 2018	(22)

The 2014 Empedrado Carignan might be slightly different from previous vintages and this one clearly indicates Truquilemu on the label, a place in Sauzal, in the Maule. This is clearly my favorite of what I tasted from Luyt; there is a floral, red berry and slightly rustic/earthy twist that clearly points at Cariñena, and this zone in Maule. It really reminds me of some other wines I tasted from Sauzal. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, clean, focused, fresh with some grip and ideal for food. A Carignan of character.

A native Burgundian, Louis-Antoine Luyt is the spiritual leader of the 'natural' wine movement in Chile. He worked for Phillippe Pacalet, studied in Beaune, did five vintages at Marcel Lapiere in Morgon (Beaujolais) and brought that experience to the Maule, Itata and Bio-Bio valleys -- where he's working with old vines and varieties like País, Carignan and Cinsault. Unfortunately, I didn't have the chance to taste all of his wines, although I informally tried some of his orange wines and vineyard-designated Pipeños, etc. Wines for the 'natural' fans.

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