

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$17.00</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>	<b>39%</b>

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## 2016 Santa Ema Amplusproduct-timed-pdf - Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo Alto - Impressive, Skyrocketing QPR 94pt Chilean Cab

### Why We're Drinking It

Who's geared up and ready for the weekend? Us too! But before you galavant off to your adventures, we must draw your attention to today's epic bang for your buck, out of the roof QPR Cabernet from Chile. This wine ROCKS. Like seriously. It will knock you out of your seat and you'll gaze puzzled into the abyss as to how and why you never let this wine delicately caress your palate before. \$17 Cabernet?! Nearly 40% off retail?! Did we mentioned the scores? 94pts Descorchados (the who's who wine guide of Chile), 93pts Wine & Spirits, 91pts James Suckling, 90pts Wine Advocate. This cannot be ignored, folks!

Santa Ema's founding Pavone family came to Chile in 1917 and for over 100 years, their family has farmed the Maipo Valley's unique terroir. Their wines have been features on Wine Spectator's Top 100, and recently, the winery was named by Wine Spectator as one of their Top 20 World's Finest Value Brands. Wine & Spirits Magazine also named them Value Winery of the Year. It probably goes without saying, but these guys know what their doing and know how to craft a killer bottle of wine that doesn't make your wallet whimper in pain.

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Their Amplus line comes from the Latin word for "important, sophisticated, distinguished and honorable." The goal with these wines is to blend tradition and modernity and craft wines with immense complexity and elegance. This particular Amplus Cabernet is sourced from a single vineyard from one of the Maipo Valley's highest spots.

Fresh notes of red and black plums, blackberries and blueberries with hints of toast, warm spice, dark chocolate and menthol. Nicely integrated tannins with a lift of acidity. A firm structure with nice concentration of flavor and texture.

In a word, impressive. Our minds were blown at the quality for this price. \$17?! This can run circles around \$30+ domestic Cabernets any day. \$102 a 6-pack with shipping included. If you don't think you need it, you do, trust us on this one.

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### Tasting Notes

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**VARIETAL**  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
**APPELLATION**  
Maipo Valley, Chile  
**ALCOHOL**  
14.00  
**SIZE**  
750ml  
**BLEND**  
Cabernet Sauvignon

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### The Story to Know

Vinos Santa Ema is, hands-down, one of the best value/quality brands from Chile, offering one of the strongest quality-to-price wine brands in the world today. Santa Ema's founding Pavone family trace their history in Chile back to 1917 when they first came to the region as grape farmers. Nearly 100 years and four generations of hands-on experience gives Santa Ema a deep understanding of the Maipo Valley's unique terroir.

The family has established a 500 acre viticultural 'path' from the Andes Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, featuring the best terroir from each zone of Maipo: Alto, Medio and Costa (Leyda). Extensive and selective vineyard ownership allows for creativity and innovation in the vineyards and winery, while guaranteeing quality control. The result is a collection of generous, elegant, regionally distinct wines that overdeliver.

The portfolio commences with the excellent value offering, Select Terroir Reserva, which offers excellent fruit concentration, purity of its origin and unmistakable varietal typicity. The next tier up is Santa Ema's Reserva/Gran Reserva range. This is the winery's most traditional and best known collection. Consistently awarded with medals and scores, including a coveted spot on the Wine Spectator Top 100. Perfect harmony and complexity are achieved through delicate barrel aging plus bottle aging. The Amplus line plays on the Latin word for 'important, sophisticated, distinguished and honorable'. Amplus wines represent the union of tradition and modernity. These are exciting wines with tremendous complexity and elegance.

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## Ratings

### **94pts, Descorchados**

*Santa Ema planted their Pirque vineyard in 2012, some 1000 meters a.s.l. in one of the Maipo Valley's highest zones. The first fruits were for Amplus in the "second leaf", in other words, just 2 years later. This 2016 is the first 100% Pirque version made with grapes from those vineyards, and it becomes interesting when the hints of spice and menthol appear, and the deep, juicy red fruit. A red wine for learning about high altitude wines in Chile.*

### **93pts, Wine & Spirits**

*This is an archetypal cabernet from Pirque, one of the highest spots planted to vines in the Maipo Valley. With seductive scents of menthol, herbs and tart red fruit, the wine's acidity and fine tannins frame and support the fruity notes. It's young and already delicious, ready to serve with grilled flank steak. It's also age worthy, a subtle red that will gain in complexity and depth.*

### **91pts, James Suckling**

*Cool and fresh. A sleek cabernet with some real elegance. The dry tannins carry the long finish beautifully. Drink or hold.*

### **90pts, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

*The 2016 Amplus Cabernet Sauvignon was produced with fruit from six-year-old vines in Pirque, a cooler place that seems to have compensated for the warm growing season. The grapes fermented destemmed and crushed in stainless steel with selected yeasts, and the wine matured in used oak barrels for ten months. The mintiness is somewhat contained, and so is the ripeness, as the wine comes through as nicely balanced, with no excess. The palate reveals fine-grained tannins and tasty flavors. 60,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in July 2017.*

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