

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LOS VASCOS

GRANDE RÉSERVE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012

BACKGROUND

Los Vascos wines blend Lafite tradition with the unique terroir of Chile to create elegant wines that bring exceptional to the everyday. The vision of Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) to expand their estate took them to South America in 1988, becoming the first French viticultural investment in modern Chile. Since then, a comprehensive modernization and investment program has been undertaken, oriented towards the production of fine wine using and adapting the viticultural experiences of Bordeaux and other areas where Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) is present.

Los Vascos is located in Valley de Caneten (Colchagua), a closed valley in the central zone of Chile, approximately 25 miles from the sea. The valley provides a perfect microclimate for high quality viticulture, with Northern exposure to lands uncontaminated by airborne or waterborne pollutants. Daily on-shore winds provide temperature changes between 68-77°F, for optimum maturation of the grapes.

APPELLATION

Colchagua Valley, Chile

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Carmenère, 10% Syrah, 5% Malbec

VINTAGE NOTES

The winter came to an end in August with heavy rains (107 mm), which resulted in water accumulation in the soil and gave a reserve for the months ahead, when precipitations were scarce. By the end of the harvest in May, rainfall only amounted to 8 mm, which, however, did not affect overall quality of the harvest.

WINEMAKING

The harvest was conducted between April 3 and May 9 and started 7 days later than in previous years and yields were slightly higher than usual. Grapes ripened at a slower pace; however, berries were smaller in size, fresh, concentrated, with good acidity and ripe tannins that resulted in an absolutely remarkable mouthfeel.

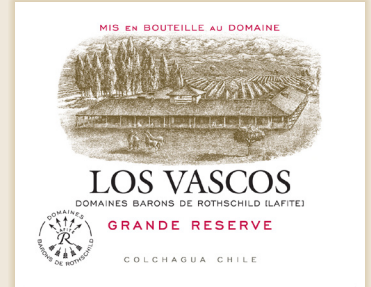
AGEING

The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barrels (20% new).

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red robe. Expressive nose with fruity aromas reminiscent of plums, blueberries and ripe blackberries that blend superbly with notes of bitter chocolate, cocoa, mocha, coffee, toasted sesame, cassia liqueur, tobacco, and black pepper. Sober and elegant mouthfeel with gentle and refined yet persistent and tasty tannins that offer a pleasing sensation filled with characteristics of the terroir.

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90 WINE ENTHUSIAST
POINTS August 2015

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WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo

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TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
14.5%



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