



DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LOS VASCOS

LE DIX DE LOS VASCOS 2012

BACKGROUND

Le Dix, meaning ten in French, was introduced in 1996 to celebrate Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite)'s first ten years in Chile. Le Dix de Los Vascos is grown in the exceptional vineyard, called El Fraile, which means "the monk", the oldest planted vineyard at Los Vascos and the original vineyard on the estate. The vineyard is 100% planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and many parcels of the vineyard have vines reaching 80 years in age. The vineyard is fairly large, covering some 200 acres, Le Dix is produced from severely reduced yields from El Fraile (the best) combined with the most rigorous cuvee selection - the resulting wine is of world class stature.

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 water-borne pollutants. Daily on-shore winds provide temperature changes between 68-77°F, for optimum maturation of the grapes.

APPELLATION

Colchagua Valley, Chile

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Carmenère, 5% Syrah

VINTAGE NOTES

The winter came to an end in August with heavy rains, resulting in water accumulating in the soil that was very useful in the months ahead. The harvest started on April 25th, berries were smaller in size but showed excellent concentration and acidity, fresh fruit.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-harvested and then rigorously selected on the sorting table. Alcoholic fermentation was carried out in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats at 86°F, with pumping over, in order to extract all of the grapes' finest qualities.

AGEING

There was a long maceration period of 25 days and the wines were matured for 18 months in new oak barrels from the Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) cooperage.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red color. Expressive nose with fruity aromas of prunes, cherries and ripe raspberries followed by notes of tobacco, leather, and graphite. Ageing in French oak barrels gives the wine nice toasty notes that blend to perfection with rose and gooseberry notes and hints of hazelnuts and cinnamon. The broad range of plump tannins from the different varieties in this blend help to create a unique mouthfeel of outstanding complexity.

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WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo
Olivier Tregot

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.4 g/L - pH: 3.62
Alcohol
14.5%



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