

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD LAFITE

LOS VASCOS

CROMAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON
GRAN RESERVA 2019

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. Los Vascos, one of the largest vineyards in the central Colchagua valley, is located in Valle de Caneten (Colchagua) approximately 25 miles from the sea, within a perfect microclimate for high quality viticulture.

"Cromas" is derived from the Greek word for color. The Cromas Gran Reserva range celebrates the many colors found in nature by the distinctive color on its packaging, reflecting the colors of grapes and the colors of the terroir. When exploring elevations at the foothills of the mountains, a specific kind of ochre granite was discovered, ideally suited to plant new vineyards which produce wines of incomparable precision and elegance.

From the deep purple of the Andes Mountains to the slate black sands of the pacific shore and the burnt orange of foothill plots, Cromas synthesizes the unique spirit and complexity of Los Vascos terroir while incorporating a commitment to quality at every stage of the process.

Cromas elevates the portfolio and reinforces the positioning of Los Vascos as a major forward-looking player in Chile.

APPELLATION

Colchagua Valley, Chile

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, 2% Carménère

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

The Cabernet Sauvignon for the Gran Reserva is sourced from selected plots planted on the foothills of the mountains, as well as some of the older vines from the best plots in the heart of the estate.

The lack of rainfall in winter made the start of the season unusually dry, which forced us to irrigate earlier and make more meticulous monitoring of the vineyard. The biggest challenge of the 2019 season was the excessively high temperatures towards the end of January and the beginning of February (reaching 105°F). Fortunately, the cold nights, allowed us to obtain grapes of great quality, with an ideal ripening and balance. The harvest for this wine began in early April and ended at the end of the same month.

By the volume that is produced, the plots destined for this wine are harvested manually and mechanically, seeking to harvest in the first way the best quarters available and those who will surely enter the blend.

WINEMAKING & AGEING

Los Vascos wines are made with the same care as our Bordeaux Grand Crus. Grapes are closely monitored when reaching maturity in order to find the optimal balance between phenolic ripeness and acidity. After careful sorting and destemming, grapes are placed in stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Regular pump-over ensure a gentle extraction of the tannins. After malolactic fermentation, 50% of the wine is transferred into French oak barrels for a period of 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby colored with garnet trim. The nose is intense, with red fruits such as cherries and plums, accompanied by cassis. Along with these fruits appear spicy notes of clove and cinnamon complemented by a background of well-integrated wood and graphite notes. The palate is intense, with a pleasant volume and acidity. It has characterful but elegant tannins that give it presence and vitality.

A structured and balanced wine, a good representative of a Los Vascos Cabernet Sauvignon.



WINEMAKER

Philippe Rolet

TECHNICAL DATA

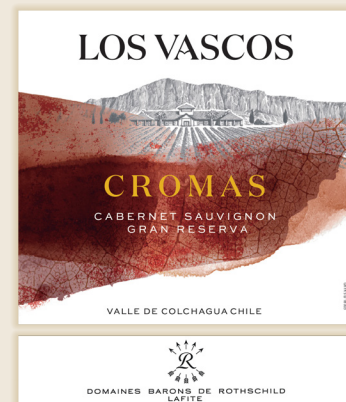
Total Acidity: 3.21 g/L

pH: 3.62

Alcohol

14.5%

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92 VINOUS
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POINTS

91 PTS JAMES SUCKLING 6/22

90 PTS WINE SPECTATOR 2/23

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