

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD LAFITE

# LOS VASCOS

## CHAGUAL ORGANIC SAUVIGNON BLANC 2022

### BACKGROUND

Chagual is the local name for Puya Chilensis, a plant native to Chile's central region. The plant's spectacular flower head can stand more than 13 feet high, making its silhouette emblematic of Los Vascos landscape. The Chagual shelters many species including a beautiful colored butterfly that is totally dependent on the Chagual. Butterflies lay their eggs (larvae) which feeds on the plant's nutritious stems to eventually transform into a butterfly, which in turn pollinates the Chagual flowers. As the Chagual and butterflies share their life cycle and rely on one another to survive and thrive on the coastal region of Chile, the vineyard of Los Vascos and the community around Peralillo is also inextricably linked.

In the land of Los Vascos, cultivation is at the heart; cultivating not only vineyards but the dream to transform this vast land into a fruitful eco-system producing the most elegant Chilean wines. This holistic approach encompasses and protects all - from the short-legged sheep clearing weeds without devouring precious grapes to the artisans honing hand-made knives to carefully tend the vines. Los Vascos embodies the Chilean paradox, meticulous in work, easy going and warm in personality. Independent, yet proud to cultivate the community because everyone is stronger and happier together.

### APPELLATION

San Antonio, Chile

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Chagual Sauvignon Blanc is made from organic grapes grown on the coastal valley of San Antonio. The soils of granitic origin, with good drainage and low nutrient content, force the roots to explore deeper. These conditions, combined with the Pacific influence, located a mere 12 miles away, allow the grapes to ripen slowly, obtaining excellent acidity and a great aromatic expression.

This season began with a low rainfall winter and a cold spring. Temperatures were low at the beginning of the summer, but slowly increased to remain very stable throughout the season, without reaching extreme temperatures, which allowed ideal ripeness for the production of grapes of great balance and quality. The San Antonio valley is remarkably cooler than Peralillo, so the harvest of this variety naturally takes place later in the season. This year, the harvest began on April 9. Harvesting is done at night to keep the grapes cool throughout the process, from transport to reception at the winery. This allows vinification of healthy grapes and takes advantage of all the aromatic potential for which this variety is known.

### WINEMAKING & AGEING

Grapes are harvested before daylight when temperatures are at their lowest. After a few hours of cold maceration, they are pressed and fermented at low temperature in stainless steel tanks to preserve their aromatic potential. The wine is partly aged on lees in order to obtain a good balance between roundness and freshness.

### TASTING NOTES

Pale color with greenish hues over a slightly yellow background. Intense and complex aromatics marked by notes of exotic fruits such as passion fruit, lychee and pineapple, citrus touches of lemon peel, and subtle herbal hints of green chili and tomato leaf. The palate is juicy, with a good balance between volume and acidity, with a more herbal and fresher aftertaste that reflects the authenticity of a wine from a coastal terroir.



### WINEMAKER

Philippe Rolet

### TECHNICAL DATA

Total acidity: 4.09 g/L

pH: 3.22

Alcohol

13.5%

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CHAGUAL  
MADE WITH ORGANIC GRAPES  
SAUVIGNON BLANC

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POINTS March 2023

### LOS VASCOS IS COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND ORGANIC PRODUCTION

- Estate is certified by the Code of Sustainability of Wines of Chile
- Plant water, packaging and waste is reused, recycled and recovered whenever possible
- 93% of energy consumed on the estate is renewable
- 90 hectares are ECOCERT certified organic; Goal of full certification of the entire estate by 2030
- No synthetic fertilizer or pesticides used in production
- Uses only organic fertilizers and produce allowed for organic norms



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