

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LOS VASCOS

LE DIX DE LOS VASCOS 2004

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

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE NOTES

It was a good weather year with moderate rain in winter and an ideal spring. A dry summer with high temperatures from December until the harvest brought on a superb concentration in the grapes. It is a vintage of excellent quality from Los Vascos.

WINEMAKING

A very mild autumn allowed for picking the oldest cabernet sauvignon from the estate in optimum conditions to produce Le Dix from the 'El Fraile' vineyard between 26 March and 5 April. Each plot was meticulously harvested at the ideal moment because of a very precise mapping of the vineyard.

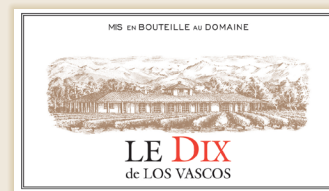
AGEING

The wine is aged for 18 months in French oak barrel (100% new barrels)

TASTING NOTES

Le Dix 2004 has a deep garnet color, almost black. The powerful nose develops aromas of ripe black fruit and wild cherries complemented by those of wax, cedar, laurel and licorice. The oak is pleasantly integrated with the fruit. This adds to the wine pleasant aromas of vanilla, grilled hazelnut, tobacco and cinnamon. The concentration is impressive but the wine remains very well balanced and elegant, fresh and long, with strong but well coated tannins. It is very long in the mouth finishing with a powerful taste of cherry (kirsch) tempered by the light bitterness of walnut peel, typical of great Cabernets. This outstanding wine is already very expressive. It is still young but will gain even more complexity and softness in time. To drink in 2008 and later. Great potential for ageing. A great vintage!

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93 DECANTER
March 2019
POINTS

92 PTS JAMES SUCKLING 5/16

91 PTS WINE & SPIRITS 6/08



WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo
Olivier Tregout

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
13.5%



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