

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LOS VASCOS

LE DIX DE LOS VASCOS 2009

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 vintage was characterized by very favourable conditions of humidity and temperature, from blooming to the harvest. Vineyard management focused on ensuring low yields and maintaining a controlled irrigation to reach appropriate hydric conditions for the vines.

WINEMAKING

In order to obtain consistency among the various lots destined to Le Dix, multispectral aerial photographs were used in parallel with chemical analyses to monitor maturity and berry tasting. The result clearly reveals the quality potential of the wine and the concentration of the fruit issued from these vineyards.

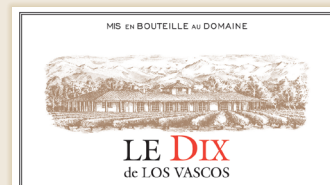
AGEING

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

TASTING NOTES

Le Dix shows a deeply red robe with purple shades. The nose displays ripe and intense red and black fruit aromas with lasting freshness. Ageing in barrels made at Lafite's cooperage grants the wine nice toasty, vanilla, and cinnamon notes that perfectly combine with blackcurrant, blueberry, cherry, and blackberry, with caramel, licorice, black chocolate and assorted peppers. Powerful and complex in the mouth. Strong, full-bodied yet delicate and elegant tannins. An unmistakable invitation to enjoy a round, consistent and prolonged finish.

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WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo
Olivier Tregot

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
13.5%



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