

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

# LOS VASCOS

## GRANDE RÉSERVE

### CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

#### 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. Since then, a comprehensive modernization and investment program has been undertaken, oriented towards the production of fine wine using and adapting the viticultural experiences of Bordeaux and other areas where Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) is present.

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

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Carmenere

#### VINTAGE NOTES

2015 was marked by unusual climate conditions during bud break and rain concentrated mostly in September. Although such conditions led to a late bud break, the grapes were of outstanding quality. Our team managed to offset the delay by altering the irrigation regime. Efficient vineyard management and an absence of extreme temperatures resulted in a normal harvest.

#### WINEMAKING

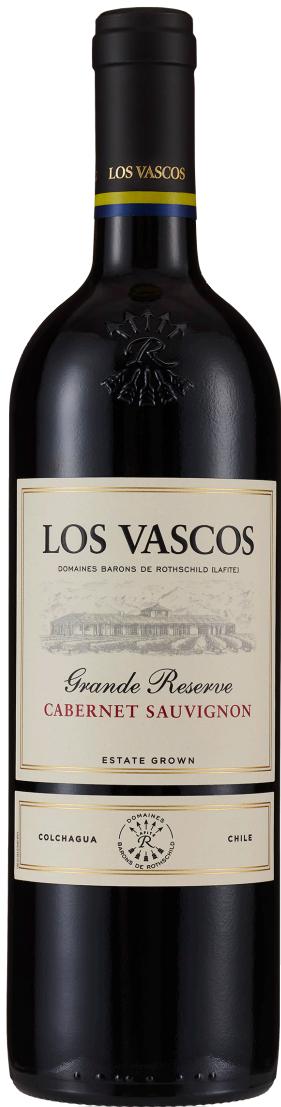
Grapes were hand harvested under normal conditions between April 1st and May 13th. The grapes were fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel vats, with pumping over, allowed for the extraction of aromatic components, colors and flavors characteristic of each varietal.

#### AGEING

The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barrels (20% new).

#### TASTING NOTES

Lovely ruby red color with brick-like nuances. Aromas of fresh, ripe fruits like raspberry, cherry, and plum can be discerned in the nose, along with notes of cocoa, peppermint, black olive, white pepper, and dried plums. On the palate, powerful tannins support a delectable personality. A friendly and immensely pleasant wine.



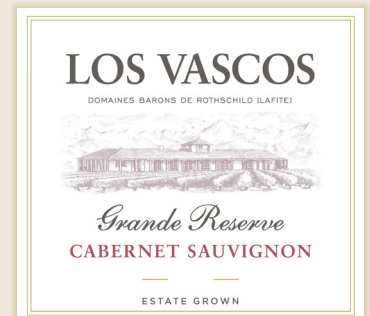
#### WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo  
Olivier Tregout

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity  
3.28 g/L - pH: 3.59  
Alcohol  
14%

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