

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LOS VASCOS

GRANDE RÉSERVE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

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

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah & 5% Carmenère

VINTAGE NOTES

This season started with a mild winter, no frost, and rain concentrated in July. The spring was also free of frost but marked by a large variation between nighttime and daytime temperatures, particularly in October and November. The hot weather set in during January and February, with a season high of 100°F. In March, temperatures declined and remained below 82°F, which slowed down the ripening of the grapes. The highlight of this season was intense rainfall at harvest time (6 inches, approximately).

WINEMAKING

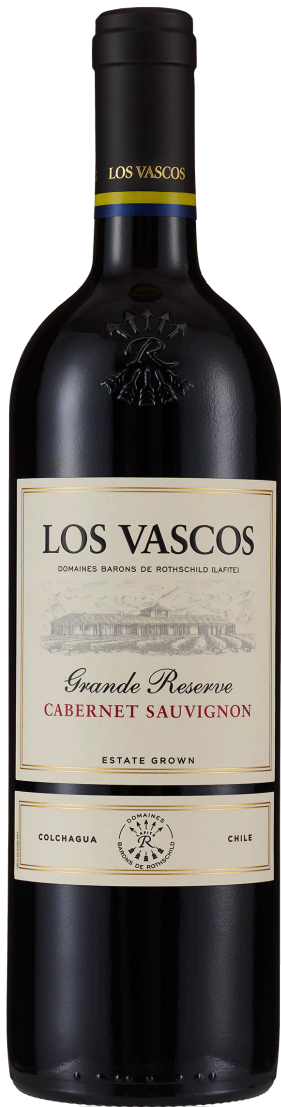
Notwithstanding, the rain, we harvested healthy fruit of great quality thanks to our infrastructure and crews that allow us to harvest quickly on July 24th. The harvest took place between March 14th and April 1st. This fine wine is made with the same care as our Bordeaux Grand Crus. Grapes are closely monitored when reaching maturity in order to find the optimal balance between phenolic ripeness and acidity. After careful sorting and destemming, they are placed in stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Regular pump-over ensure a gentle extraction of the tannins.

AGEING

After malolactic fermentation, 50% of the wine is transferred into French oak barrels for a period of 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby red color with beautiful brick nuances. Ripe plum and cherry-scented nose enhanced by notes of cocoa, hazelnut, nutmeg, tobacco, and cedar. Gentle and friendly tannins. A juicy and flavorful wine to drink now or lay down for the future.



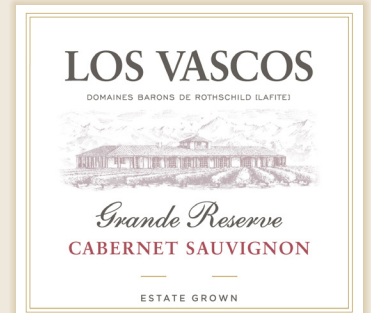
WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo
Olivier Tregot

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.28 g/L - pH: 3.51
Alcohol
14%

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