



HARVEST REPORT 2018

We are very happy with the quality of the 2018 vintage, in particular after swinging from a rainy 2016 to a very hot 2017. It was definitely a slow but steady harvest. Cooler conditions and a wet winter delayed the beginning for 2 to 3 weeks, later the conditions continued to be cold, fortunately without big rain events registered during the whole season, allowing us to wait patiently for the right ripeness and balance. This year we had a generous crop in terms of volume, healthy, with very good flavors, low alcohol and fresh, a season that leave us wines over the finesse and elegance above potency. Should be remember as one of the great cooler side vintages of the latest years in Chile.

The season started with a cold and rainy winter in 2017, leaving enough water reserves in the ground and an adequate cold-hours sum. Spring 2017 did not register important frosts and moved forward with good temperature and luminosity conditions, allowing an excellent bud break of practically all buds left during pruning and then blooming was also good. From December 2017 until mid-February 2018, maximum temperatures were moderate in all central Chile, extending berry set, verasion and ripening. After the second half of February 2018 there was a temperature increase, with maximums over 35°C, speeding up ripening of precocious varieties. March was fresh, allowing a slow sugar accumulation without losing too much acidity, key to obtain wines with great balance. Fall didn't brought rains letting the latest varieties to be harvested during optimal dates.

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Atalayas Vineyard, DO CASABLANCA



Our Atalayas Vineyard had a homogeneous bud break that was earlier than previous seasons, luckily there were no frosts during spring so yields remained intact. Also, the good induction on buds from previous season generated a 40% increase on yields from average production in our vineyard in Casablanca. Cloudy days during January and February plus the low temperatures generated a delay with harvest of about two weeks. The low temperatures, right luminosity and lack of rain during harvest allowed a great improvement in typicality and aromatic intensity of the fruit.

Las Kuras Vineyard, DO CACHAPOAL



Good temperature and luminosity during spring, lack of rains when blooming, lack of spring frosts and proper water management during growing season and ripening are positive conditions to highlight from the season in Las Kuras vineyard. Harvest started about 2 weeks later than previous vintage depending on the variety.

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El Cóndor and San José de Apalta Vineyards, DO APALTA



Climatic conditions were favorable during the season in Apalta, without spring frosts and rains during blooming with good thermal amplitude during ripening. Cold nights and moderate temperatures during the day, determined a slow sugar accumulation during the last period of maturity. Generally we could see an increase on yields across all varieties from 5 to 20%. Harvest started with about 10 days delay compared with the 2017 harvest..

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