

HARVEST REPORT 2016

APALTA – VALLE DE COLCHAGUA

The 2015 winter season started drier than usual, with no rain in June. Then, it turned around and the season ended as usual, with rains concentrated on August.

Summer 2015-2016 showed normal conditions, but a little warmer than usual, with a huge thermal oscillation, especially on February, when it showed 32,5°C max. On average and 8,7°C min on average. Anyway, harvest started according to what we thought on March 10th with the Merlot.

An unusual rain on April of 192 mm was a before and after for harvest having as a reference the historical rain record for that month been of 13,5 mm. This also brought lower temperatures with an average of 21,3°C maximum, 5 degrees less than April 2015.

This rain made the harvest goes faster and we had to double the picking speed in all our vineyards, picking twice as much kilos per day. After the rain we could harvest the rest of the grapes in less than a week, so we could maintain totally the quality of the fruit.

The grape yields were under the normal parameters and all varieties showed less alcohol but with very good acidity.

ATALAYAS – VALLE DE CASABLANCA

Winter 2015 started drier and warmer than the last season, especially June having no rain and an average maximum temperature of 19,3°C, 4 degrees more than June 2014.

Despite of the dry winter, 2015 was finally more rainy than 2014, but not cooler. Then, spring and summer presented normal conditions.

The harvest in Casablanca was characterized for being cooler than usual, with cloudy days and a shy sun rarely appearing, driving a slow maturity evolution. In this way, harvest started on April 4th in Casablanca, later than usual.

Autumn 2016 was characterized by an unusual rain on April, with 118,4 mm which completely contrast with the absence of rain on April 2015.

Our Casablanca wines, especially Chardonnay, had an excellent performance in quality, with good structure, moderate alcoholic, and very good acidity label.

LAS KURAS – VALLE DEL CACHAPOAL

2015 – 2016 season was very rainy, with a total of 532 mm, 237 mm more than the last season. These were concentrated on the last months of winter.

Spring and summer had no variation according the historical conditions, and the absence of rain during flowering was a very positive factor for harvest 2016 in the Cachapoal Valley.

On march 10th, the harvest started in Las Kuras with the Sauvignon Blanc. Then, the harvest was interrupted by the strong rain of April, with 189,8 mm, which completely contrast with the absence of rain on April 2015.

White wine varieties highlighted in this vintage, with a very good quality and performance of grapes. It means a wine with very good acidity and good mouthfeel.