



# Lapostolle

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*Curée Alexandre*

Cabernet Sauvignon 2022



**VINTAGE:** 2022

**TYPE OF WINE:** Cabernet Sauvignon

**D.O.:** Apalta

**VARIETIES:** 93% Cabernet Sauvignon  
7% Carmenère  
2% Syrah  
2% Petit Verdot

**HARVEST:** 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup> of April

**PRODUCTION:** 8.500 cases of 9L equivalent

#### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR:** Deep purple robe with red bright hues

**NOSE:** Expressive and intense with red berries, herbs and black currant aromas.

**PALATE:** Elegant palate, with concentration and balance. Layers of fruit develop toward a very juicy finish.

#### SERVICE AND FOOD PAIRING

Decant for 30 minutes and serve between 16°C (65°F). Intense meat dishes as lamb and beef.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

**Alcohol Content:** 14.5% vol.

**pH:** 3.65

**Total Acidity:** 3.75 gr/L (SO<sub>4</sub>)

**Residual Sugar:** 2.46 gr/L

**AVAILABLE FORMATS:** 75cL.

#### WINEMAKING

**Maceration Time:** 28 days

**Fermentation Type:** 100% in Stainless Steel Tanks.

**Fermentation Temperature:** 24°C- 28°C

**Ageing:** 100% of the wine was aged for 8 months, 5% in new french oak and 95% used french oak.

**Bottling Date:** November 2023

**Ageing Potential:** 15 years



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## VINTAGE CONDITIONS IN 2022

The 2022 vintage brought for a second year in a row cooler conditions, but slightly smaller yields. The winter was mostly dry all through the season but finally we had some very welcomed rains concentrated at the end of the winter in August. We finished with 317 mm of rain over the season, that is almost 50% of what was considered a normal year. Regarding temperatures, the winter had lower minima and also higher maxima, in particular in June. Springtime started slowly and with inconsistent conditions starting with a with a cold September, but a very hot October and November ending up in a cold December again. No frosts were luckily recorded. These unstable conditions explain the 7 to 11 days of delay in both shooting and flowering in Apalta. The summer carried over the cooler temperatures in average, but also a rise in the sunlight in the vineyard, that is been consistently raising 2% to 3% the last 5 seasons. A careful irrigation program was key and keeping a good canopy to protect the grapes in the vineyard, as we had to patiently wait for the perfect maturity. This season was the third to take place amid the Covid-19 sanitary restrictions, however, the experience from the two previous seasons and the absence of mobility limitations made these conditions more bearable. The 2022 season was undoubtedly a cooler season, but at the same time it had good conditions to wait for the maturity of the fruit in most of the varieties. In relation to the organoleptic characteristics of the wines, the condition of moderate temperatures during the ripening period of the fruit, paved the way for crafting wines that express very well the different microterroirs of Apalta. They have expressive fruit and good density and texture on the palate, with balance and very good ageing potential.

**Temperature:** Historical Average 14.5C / 2022 Average: 14.3C

**Rainfall:** Historical Average: 621.8 mm / 2021: 317 mm

## HISTORY

The Cuvée Alexandre line is focused on bringing the finest expression of a variety from our own vineyards. This Cuvée Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon has its origins in our Clos Apalta estate in the Apalta Valley, known throughout Chile for the quality of its red wines. The region's particular soil and climate conditions make for very elegant, complex wines with great structure, depth, color and an excellent ageing potential.

Lapostolle is born in 1994 under the idea to magnify the exceptional terroir of Apalta with French expertise. Shaping the vineyard foot by foot, the family succeeded in making Lapostolle one of the most premium winery of Chile.

Recognized as "New World Winery of the Year" by Wine Enthusiast in 2008, Lapostolle is considered as one of the most premium winery in Chile.

Currently, the team behind the creation of Lapostolle is led by the son of the founders and Seventh Generation of the Bournet Lapostolle family, Charles de Bournet.

## ESTATE

This Cuvée Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon comes from selected parcels of our Clos Apalta Estate, located in the Apalta Valley, near the town of Santa Cruz, 170 Kilometers South West from Santiago.

## CLOS APALTA VINEYARD

Location:	El Condor, Apalta Valley, Colchagua Valley
Coordinates:	34°36'30.77"S 71°17'46.34"W
Elevation:	185 - 385 meters above sea level
Distance from the Sea:	70 Kilometres
Surface area:	23.6 ha selected of 160 ha total
Plantation:	11.8 ha in 1940, 5.000 plants/ha 10.4 ha in 2006, 6.666 plants/ha 1.4 ha in 2014, 6.666 plants/ha
Training System:	Vertical Trellis in a Double Guyot
Production Yields:	55 hL/ha
Certification:	ISO 14.001, HCCP, Carbon Neutral

## GEOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS

Apalta is situated on a North to South exposure, which is quite rare in Chile. The Tinguiririca river rests on the southern side and the hills from the Coastal Cordillera surround the vineyard like a horseshoe. They are both integral in forming this unique terroir. This geography is responsible for the conditions that ensure balance for our vines and a slow ripening for the grapes. At sunrise and sunset, the Cordillera block the sun's rays, limiting the vines exposure to intense sunshine. The river has a cooling influence on the climate.

## CLIMATE CONDITIONS

Apalta has a special meso-climate that is different from the rest of the Colchagua Valley. Its climate could be described as semi-dry Mediterranean with a winter only rainy season and a long dry summer season. During the growing season, warm temperatures with no rain due to the height of the Coastal Mountains which partially block the cold influence of the Pacific Ocean. We benefit from a wide temperature fluctuation between night and day which is a key quality factor for color and tannins in reds. Slow maturation allows the grapes to reach their ideal maturity with high concentration and character, preserving the fruit and high levels of natural acidity, ensuring a long ageing potential.

## SOIL

Apalta has very old soils originated mainly in the Cretaceous (145-66 MY) from granitic and granodioritic material. In the hillside, the soils present angular stones, well decomposed with moderate to fine texture and clay underlying subsoils. On the semi and flatter areas, colluvial and some old alluvial material, from receiving the material from the piedmont and the river. With a thicker texture (sandy to sandy loam) and quartz gravel in the whole profile. Good drainage and slopes of 2-15%.

