

# SEMILLON D.O. APALTA 2024

At Los Vascos, generation after generation, we dedicate ourselves to caring for our vineyards and orchards, preserving our unique ecosystem. We are committed to our land and to the well-being of our rural community. Together, we cultivate to sow the future.



## **■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES**

**Appellation**: Central Region, Chile

Apalta is a horseshoe-shaped valley in the Central Region of Chile, bounded to the south by the Tinguiririca River and encircled by granite hills covered with native hualo woods. Apalta is one of the last areas in Chile where Semillon grapes are cultivated.

**Terroir**: Grapes are sourced from a plot called "Las 90 Hileras", dating back to 1930. The soils consist of sandy loam overlaying granitic sands resulting from the weathering of the surrounding hills. The topsoil is shallower and less clayey than elsewhere on the property, allowing the roots to penetrate up to 3 meters deep and access sufficient moisture throughout the growing season without irrigation. The proximity to the high hills limits sun exposure preserving the wine's freshness. The ungrafted vines, originating from a historical massal selection, naturally maintain balance and produce fewer but highly concentrated grapes.

#### ■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

A winter with above-average temperatures led to an early budburst. Spring was cold in contrast to the beginning of summer, which was relatively warm. Temperatures then returned to seasonal norms and stabilized, never exceeding 35°C. A year of fluctuating conditions that ultimately proved to be relatively cool.

#### **■** WINE MAKING SCHEME

The grapes are destemmed, cooled and placed in the press. After cold decanting, which takes place at 4 to  $7^{\circ}$ C, the clear must is separated from the sediments and transferred to cement eggs and barrels, where alcoholic fermentation takes place. Temperatures do not exceed  $16^{\circ}$ C and fermentation takes about two weeks. After this, the wine is kept on its lees, which are stirred once a day to increase volume. About 9 months later the blend is made. The base comes from the cement eggs, whilst the barrel components add some complexity.

### **■ TASTING NOTES**

Yellow color with green highlights.

Expressive nose with notes of citrus, white fruit, apricot, and an indulgent touch of apple pie and crème brûlée. This aromatic base is underlined by hints of honey and flint.

The palate is broad and generous, supported by vibrant acidity and tension leading to a long, persistent finish.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Sémillon 100% Alcohol content : 13,5 % vol.

**pH**: 3,04

Total acidity: 3,65 g/l