



[Terroir Hunter]

PAÍS CINSAULT [2021]

La Soledad Cauquenes

In our constant quest to create wines with a sense of origin for the Terroir Hunter line, we sometimes find hidden gems. A set of barrels of unique and sometimes unusual wines that when blended with others achieve great balance, expression and personality.

These discoveries led us to create the T.H. Rarities wines. These are original and exceptional blends of wines that evolve and change from one vintage to the next. These are wines that represent us and give us as winemakers the ample personal creative space that we need.

### Vineyards

This is a limited production wine of just 2,500 litres. The grapes are from century-old vines of the País and Cinsault varieties. They are planted in the dry terrain of Maule, 22 kilometres from Cauquenes, in an area known as La Soledad.

The Cauquenes area is part of the Maule denomination of origin and is located 350 kilometres to the south of Santiago. The vineyard was planted in 1950. It has deep clay soils with high levels of granite, quartz and areas with basalt.

The climate in this area is temperate to warm. Summers tend to be warm and dry with average daytime temperatures of 28°C to 30°C and cool nights with 8°C to 11°C. Autumn is cool and damp with between 250mm and 500mm of rainfall, depending on the year.

# Winemaking

The clusters were hand-harvested and put into 12-kg trays. Each variety was separately vinified. At the reception area, they went through a strict selection process, where only the ripe and healthy clusters were gravity-fed into the tank. After crushing, the grapes underwent a cold pre-fermentative maceration for around 7 days, at temperatures of 6°C-8°C. Next came spontaneous fermentation using native yeasts, followed by natural malolactic fermentation in used 500-litre French oak barrels. The wine was kept over its lees for 7 months.

Prior to bottling, the wine was allowed to decant naturally and then bottled without filtering and with a minimal addition of sulphites. For this reason, some natural sedimentation may occur in the bottle, but the wine will retain its integrity and natural expression, delivering the very best of an old vineyard in the Cauquenes Valley.

## Winemaker's notes

The 2021 season in the Maule Valley was cooler than the previous year, which resulted in a lighter, juicier wine. Garnet-coloured, shiny and delicate with ruby hues. On the nose, this wine is fruitier than the previous vintage, with notes of fresh and candied red fruit, intriguing dried fig and sweet toast aromas from the time spent in barrels, accompanied with subtle notes of spice, liquorice and menthol. In the mouth, the wine is juicy, fresh and light with friendly tannins that are more subtle than those of the 2020 vintage, but with greater tannic structure and a saline note in the finish.

Winemaker Rafael Urrejola

#### **Bottling:**

28 January 2022 2,880 Bottles produced

T° of service: 14-15°C

Aging potential: 5 to 10 years

Technical Notes Total Acidity: 3.33 g/l pH: 3.47 Residual Sugar: 3.59 g/l Alcohol: 13.8% 85% País – 15% Cinsault





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# Google Earth Map

Latitude 35°51'04.3"S Longitude 72°09'01.7"W









