



Ventolera Syrah 2012

Denomination of Origin

Leyda Valley is a small sub-region of the San Antonio appellation in Chile, just 70 miles (112 km) west of Santiago, the Chilean capital. This area is singled out as being Chile's newest and most radical cool climate wine region, which is strongly influenced by the cooling effects of the Humboldt Current that flows up the country's west coast from the Antarctic.

Terroir

Climate: Its closeness to the sea ensures a wonderfully cooling summer breeze that everyday whips across the vineyards from 12pm to 4pm, moderating temperatures. This factor combined with a high humidity level (50%) enhances the fruit flavors.

Soil: We have a combination of two Terroirs (Granitic and Alluvial). The granitic soil type has an approximate depth of 16-23 in. (40-60 cm) with a structure of sandy loam, yellow color, until it breaks through a vastly fractured parent material with abundant granitic quartz rocks, where we find the root structure.

Vineyard

Vertical shoot positioning. It has a strict water control to moderate vigor and produces small berries. One bunch per shoot. 30% of fruit exposure.

Yields

4 tons per hectare

Vintage

This season registered higher temperatures than in previous years, which resulted in an earlier picking date, enhancing the fruitiness character.

Tasting notes

A pure style with a lot of violet notes layered with black currant, white pepper and graphite. Full flavored palate with a nice body. Vibrant and velvety tannins with a racy mineral finish.

Winemaker: Stefano Gandolini

Limited Production

1,910 bottles

Harvest

April 28 (block 9). All hand-picked in 26-lb (12-kg) cases

Aging

9 month in new French oak barrels from Francois Freres and Dargaud & Jaegle coopers (Jupilles, Tronçais and Fontainebleau, Central France.)

Filtering

Unfined and unfiltered

Basic Analysis

Alcohol: 14°

pH: 3.35

Total Acidity: 5.61 g/l

Volatile Acidity: 0.45 g/l

Residual Sugar: 2.19 g/l

Dry Extract: 29.19 g/l

CO₂: 310 mg/l

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