

Chardonnay
2018

Las Pizarras



THE VINTAGE

The unforgettable 2018 season in Aconcagua Costa will be remembered as one of the coldest we have ever recorded in this vineyard, with a heat summation 15% lower than historical averages, mainly concentrated during January, February and March, and especially the two first months of the year, which were accompanied by abundant cloudiness. March stepped in with blue skies, blessing us with plenty of sunny days that provided the ideal conditions for our grapes to finish their ripening process on time and in excellent conditions. On the other hand, the absence of rains from November to April also favoured a slow and steady ripening process, along with impeccable sanitary conditions of our grapes.

THE VINEYARD

The grapes used to produce this wine come entirely from our Aconcagua Costa estate, from specific blocks with metamorphic rock, specifically slate. The temperature differences in this cold climate location and the uniqueness of its soils and elevations enable each small block to ripen at its own pace. Because of its proximity to the cold Pacific Ocean and its well-drained soils with abundant slate, this vineyard gives rise to Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah with exceptional complexity, depth, minerality and natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were hand-picked on the mornings of March 05 to 23 to ensure the fruit was cool when it reached the winery. All of the fruit was pressed whole-cluster, and the juice was clarified by cold decanting, without the use of enzymes, before being racked to French oak barrels to be fermented with native yeasts. To preserve the fresh character of its origin, just 50% of the blend underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for 13 months in 400-litre French oak barrels, 15% new.

THE WINE

“The 2018 vintage of Las Pizarras Chardonnay shines with its bright yellow-straw colour. On the nose, it delivers notes of citrus fruits, accompanied by some floral notes framed by soft notes of marzipan and nuts. On the palate, the wine enters with freshness and deepness, followed by a delicate and complex feel. The palate is dominated by its citrusy profile, plus a hint of tropical fruits accompanied by delicate notes of toasted bread and dried fruits, all crowned by an exquisite mineral sensation, excellent persistence and an elegant finish.”

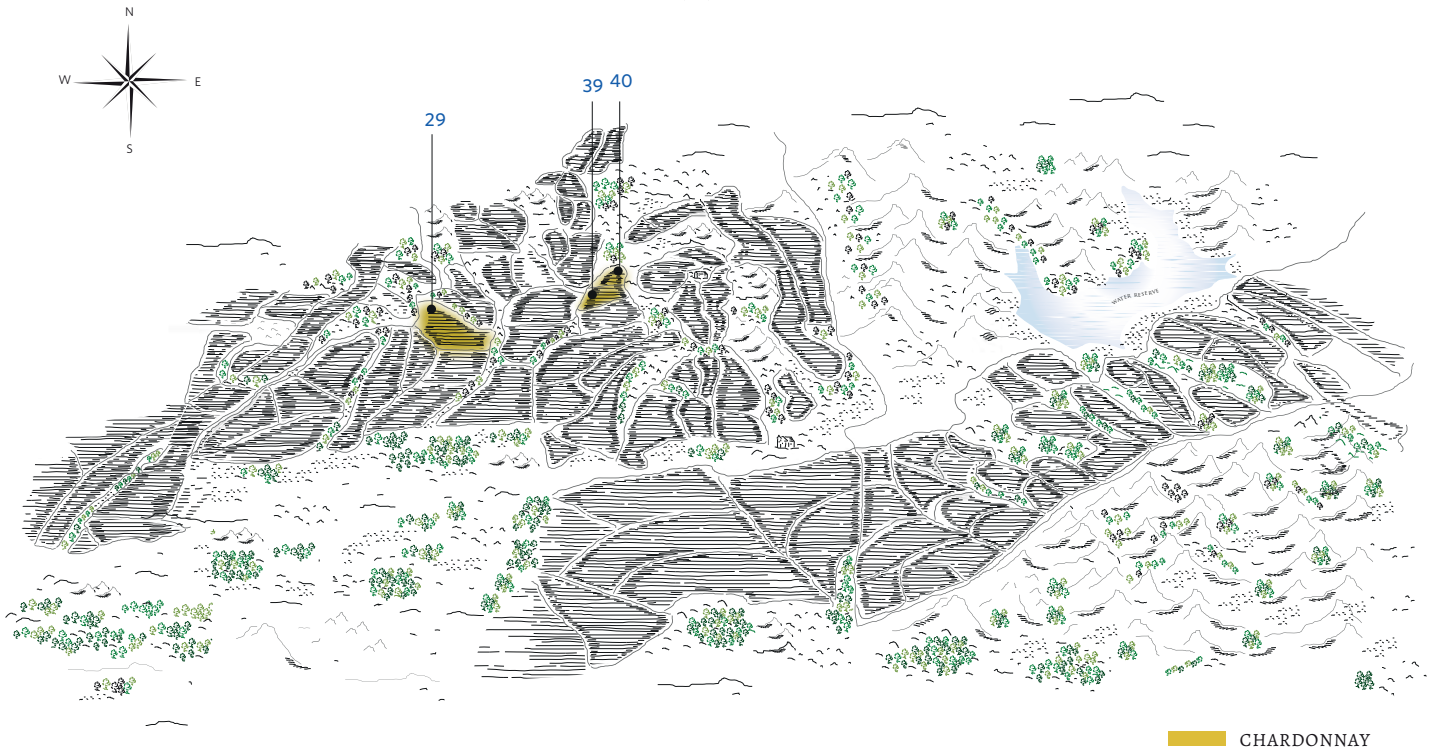
FRANCISCO BAETTIG, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

COMPOSITION: 100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL: 13%
pH: 3.13

TOTAL ACIDITY: 8.16 g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.72 g/L
AGEING: 13 months in French oak barrels,
15% new of 400 litres capacity

ACONCAGUA COSTA - ESTATE MAP
- CHARDONNAY PLOTS -



PLOT 29 (PEDREGAL NORTE) 3.2 ha

Located halfway up an east-facing slope, with a gentle to steep rise.

The substrate is a metamorphic rock of volcanic origin (basalt and andesite). The soil is coarse-grained, with a clay-loam texture.

PLOT 39 (HORNO CHICO) 1 ha

Located on a flatter, southwest-facing section halfway up the hillside, with a slope ranging from gentle to steep.

The substrate is a metamorphic rock of volcanic origin (basalt and andesite). On the upper part of the slope, the soils are very coarse and clay-textured, while the mid-section has shallow soils with a loamy texture and the lowest part features coarse soils with a clay-loam texture.

PLOT 40 (HORNO GRANDE) 0.7 ha

This block is located halfway up the hillside facing east and features a gentle to steep slope.

The substrate is composed of metamorphic rock of volcanic origin (basalt and andesite). On the upper slope, the soils are very coarse with a clay texture; those on the middle slope are very shallow and loamy; and the soils on the lower slope are coarse and alkaline, with a silty-clay-loam texture.