

FINCA LALANDE

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Lalande Organic Chardonnay - Torrontés 2023

Background:

Finca Lalande is the natural blend of French winemaking with Argentine terroir. The pioneering Bousquet family began their winemaking art by developing an estate in France, called Lalande. Seeking better places to satisfy this aspiration for making exceptional organic wines, the Bousquet family found the terroir they long searched for in the soils of Mendoza. Made from organically grown grapes, these wines are rich and aromatic, showing the best that Argentina's terroir has to offer.

Soil:

Gravel and sandy soil.

Vineyards:

Our vineyards are in the Uco Valley at the foot of the Andes at 4,000 ft / 1,200 mts altitude. Thanks to the dryness of the area and its phylloxera-resistant sandy soil, farming organically at Domaine Bousquet from day one was both possible and smart. The three main factors differentiating this virgin vineyard and its terroir are: the near constant breezes from the Andes to the west which help mitigate heat-stress in this desert-like climate, with its huge day/night temperature differentials, the sandy soils result in low fertility for desirable vine stress and yet are permeable for good drainage. The prevalence of groundwater, with rainfall averaging a scant 8-inches / 20 cm or less per year, from Andes snowmelt is vital to irrigate the vines drop-by-drop. In addition to the unique terroir- roots of organically-grown plants penetrate deeper, absorbing trace minerals that give wines their authentic local taste. Organic farming is healthier for the environment and, vitally, for the people who tend the vines.

Winemaking:

The grapes, sourced from the Uco Valley are harvested early in the morning to preserve the freshness of the fruit. They are then fermented in stainless steel with selected yeasts at a maximum temperature of 15°C/59°F for 20 days. Un-oaked, to highlight the fruit and its varietal expression.

Technical Data:

Varietal: 60% Chardonnay - 40% Torrontes

Alcohol: 12,5%

Residual Sugar: 1,15

Acidity/PH: 5.55/3.33

Tasting Notes:

Light yellow with greenish reflections. On the nose it shows intense white fruits like apple and tropical aromas like mango and peach, with delicate floral notes. In the mouth it is persistent and intense on the palate, with notes of fresh fruit. Medium body and refreshing acidity.

Pairing:

Great with white Thai and spicy food. Serve between 8°C/46°F and 10°C/50°F.



Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina

