

Santa Rita 120 Wines of Chile

This is the most traditional area, since it is where Santa Rita's first vineyards, closest to the Andes, were planted. The soil is of alluvial origin with excellent drainage, good permeability and scarce water retention. These characteristics produce a naturally balanced vineyard. The climate is semi-arid Mediterranean with a mean annual rainfall of 400mm concentrated in winter. Cold winds blowing down from the Andes Mountains cause a broad thermal oscillation of more than 20°C in the summer which in turn results in ripe fruit with round and elegant tannins. Alto Jahuel is one of the finest wine producing regions in the world, especially for Cabernet Sauvignon.

In 1814, General Bernardo O'Higgins, one of our country's forefathers, together with 120 patriots fighting to achieve Chile's Independence, found refuge in the Santa Rita Hacienda, after a fierce battle against Spanish Crown soldiers in the city of Rancagua where they had been defeated. History tells us that the distinguished dame Paula Jaraquemada, with great courage, defended the 120 patriots by hiding them in the basement of the Santa Rita house, confronting the Spanish soldiers and not allowing them to enter her home by throwing a brazier full of hot coals at them. Thanks to her bravery, the 120 soldiers were able to regain their strength and continue on their quest for Chile's independence. This historical fact was printed on the label of our vineyard's most traditional wine, the 120 line as homage to those brave 120 soldiers.

The elegance of these wines is the result of an ideal balance between climate, soil, variety and man. Specific vineyards are selected to best express the characteristics of each variety. In this way, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah varieties obtain the intense spirit and expression of the lands owned by Santa Rita in the Apalta, Leyda and Maipo Valleys.

Cheers,

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