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ROJO PARAÍSO PAÍS ANTIGUO / ITATA PARAÍSO / 2020 / ITATA VALLEY / CHILE

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PRODUCER

We are the fourth generation of old vines vintners. Our great grandfather settled with our grandfather in 1952, in the family estate with 40 hectares located in Portezuelo (Itata Valley), 400 km south from Santiago, on the eastern side of the Coast Mountains. Itata Paraíso is committed to sustainable production, from these old vines of País, Moscatel, and Cariñena, taking care of them has been our passion and living. This is why in 2015, we decided to start bottling small lots (parcel wines) and make visible the pure and naked quality of our grapes. Such a Paradise!



VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

The soil is mostly decomposed granite, and quartz is visible too. Some of the oldest vineyards in Chile are located here, first planted by the Society of Jesus during the XVI century, including País. In 2020, Portezuelo had on average 19% less rain than over the last decade (508 mm), adding to the fact that the 2020-2021 season was 9% warmer. We decided to harvest in early March, exactly one month before the 2019 harvest. This gave us a good chance to avoid overripeness and dehydration, and a great opportunity to get fresh and juicy fruit. The harvest was totally manual, in 14kg baskets. Hand-harvested grapes were quickly driven to the cellar where they are crushed immediately. All vinification in 800-litre bins, with 25% stems and twice daily remontage during the first week of fermentation. The wine ages for 7 months in old French oak barrels. The final blend was made on 5th October and bottled on 10th October. Fermentation is totally natural. 100% native yeast. 7 months aged in used french oak barrels. Partial malolactic fermentation occurs. Oak influence is minimal, with only old barrels used.

TASTING NOTE

This wine delivers the essence of Itata's heritage and old vines, especially the naturally rustic charm of the País variety. It is a living, vibrant and incisive wine. The nose is demonstrative of the grape, with a touch of youthful strawberries and red apples, between some earthy notes. Just 1,700 bottles produced at source.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	SEBASTIÁN & CRISTÓBAL RAMÍREZ
VARIETIES	100% PAÍS
APPELLATION	ITATA VALLEY
CLOSURE	NATURAL CORK
ALCOHOL	12.3%
SUGAR	0.58 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	3.43 G/L
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	0 MG/L
CASE SIZE	6

