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HACIENDA Araucano

FRANÇOIS LURTON



Owner François Lurton



Winemaker Thibault Lepoutre



Hacienda Araucano

Producer

François Lurton (of the famous Bordeaux family) is renowned for creating distinctive high-quality wines. He purchased the Araucano Estate in the year 2000 after realising the potential of the cool, ocean-influenced site at Lolol in the Colchagua Valley. The estate has 26 hectares of vines and is certified organic and biodynamic. The estate practices agroforestry, planting local trees such as Quillayes in the vineyards. They also produce their own compost (equal parts pomace, chicken manure, cow manure and earth) and biodynamic preparations on site. In 2022 they also began new water management measures, adding new drip irrigation systems to the most steeply sloping vineyards to conserve water. François believes that "producing wine as naturally as possible is good for the environment, good for consumers, and tastes better!"

Winemaker

Thibault Lepoutre was born in 1984 in France. He studied agronomy in northern France and then went to the ENSAM of Montpellier where he graduated in agronomy and oenology. After a few vintages in France (Bordeaux and Champagne), he worked in Ukraine, Brazil and Portugal (Douro). He came to Argentina in 2012 to join Bodega Piedra Negra, rising to become winery director. In 2017 he took on responsibility for Hacienda Araucano's biodynamic estate as well.

Location

Lolol, Colchagua, Chile

Key Facts

Year Established
2000

Hectares
28

Grapes grown
Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc.

Certifications
SAG Chile Organic
Demeter Biodynamic

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Colchagua, Chile



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