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Nakkal Winery



Winemakers Santiago Degasperi & Nicolas Monforte



Harvest at Nakkal

Key Facts

Year Established

2020

Hectares

4.3

Grapes grown

Marselan, Merlot, Tannat, Muscat Ottonel, Trebbiano, Viognier.

Certifications

N/A

Condor Portfolio

4 wines

Producer

Born from a desire to develop a more conscious way of winemaking, Nakkal Wines in Canelones produces wines with minimum intervention, respecting the fruit, nature and the environment. Recognised as Descorchados' Winery Revelation of the Year in 2021, this passion project comes from Santiago Degásperi (also recognised as Descorchados' Winemaker Revelation of the Year in 2022) and Nicolás Monforte (recognised as Tim Atkin's Young Winemaker of the Year in 2024). These two good friends and winemakers focus on producing fresh, accessible wines that reflect both their natural ingredients and their natural environment. Spontaneous fermentation from vineyard yeasts produces complex wines with strong varietal and terroir expression. The wines are not clarified or filtered but racked twice by moon calendar (in last quarter) for a natural clarification. To quote the team at Nakkal, "The grapes are the protagonists; we are just a guide."

Winemaker

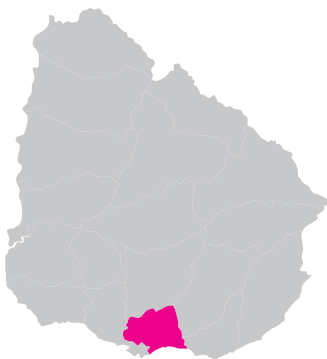
Santiago Degásperi has dedicated his career to internationalising Uruguayan wines. His experience includes both the technical elements of wine production and the commercial aspects of marketing and export. He spent over a decade as winemaker at Viña Varela Zarranz, where he led the fine wine division and later served as Export Manager. In 2020, he co-founded Nakkal Wines, the first Uruguayan project fully dedicated to natural and low-intervention winemaking. In 2022, he was named Breakthrough Winemaker by the Descorchados Wine Guide, and since then his work has become a reference in Uruguay's new wave of winemaking.

Nicolás Monforte is a trained winemaker and son of a grape grower. His career began in 2010 with hands-on experience in both Uruguay and the United States, including at La Crema winery in California. Since then, he has collaborated on a range of wine ventures such as Bodega Colorado Chico, Vermut Rooster, La Ventura Wines, Caravana Vinos, and Vinos Viggiano. In 2020 he co-founder Nakkal Wines where he is Head Winemaker. Beyond his role at Nakkal, Nicolás has played an active role in institutional wine leadership: he was president of the National Association of Wineries (ANB) and currently serves as Vice President of INAVI, while also representing Uruguay's private wine sector at the Mercosur level. In 2024, he was named Young Winemaker of the Year by Tim Atkin MW.

Together Santiago and Nicolás are also managing partners of VITI Bar de Vinos, a wine bar and cultural space that celebrates wine, gastronomy, and music in the heart of Montevideo.

Location

Colorado Chico, Uruguay



Canelones, Uruguay



Colorado Chico, Canelones