



*Clos Apalta*

*Clos Apalta 2015*



**VINTAGE:** 2015

**TYPE OF WINE:** Bordeaux Blend

**D.O.:** Apalta

**VARIETIES:** 46% Carmenère  
30% Cabernet Sauvignon  
19% Merlot  
5% Cabernet Franc

**HARVEST:** March 9<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>

**PRODUCTION:** 6.121 cases of 9L equivalent

**TASTING NOTES**

**COLOR:** Deep ruby red color with purple edges.

**NOSE:** Complex nose opening towards ripe black fruit such as cassis, balckberry and fig, along with nuts, cinnamon and liquorice notes.

**PALATE:** Intense creamy attack with black fruit flavors. Long lasting velvety tannins. Intense and elegant finish.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

**Alcohol Content:** 15.0% vol.

**pH:** 3.70

**Total Acidity:** 3.65 gr/L (SO<sub>4</sub>)

**Residual Sugar:** 3.44 gr/L

**AVAILABLE FORMATS:** 37.5cL, 75cL, 1.5L, 3L, 6L, 9L.

**WINEMAKING**

**Maceration Time:** 4-5 weeks with manual punch down.

**Fermentation Type:** 95% in 75hL French oak vats, 5% in new French oak barrels. Malolactic in new French oak barrels.

**Fermentation Temperature:** < 28°C

**Ageing:** 26 months in French oak barrels, 100% new.

**Fining and Filtering:** Not fined, cold stabilized or filtered.

**Bottling Date:** July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

**AWARDS AND SCORES**

**Vintage 2015**

100 pts - James Suckling # 5 Top 100 JS

95 pts - Wine Spectator

95 pts - Wine Advocate

94 pts - Descorchados

92 pts - Wine Enthusiast



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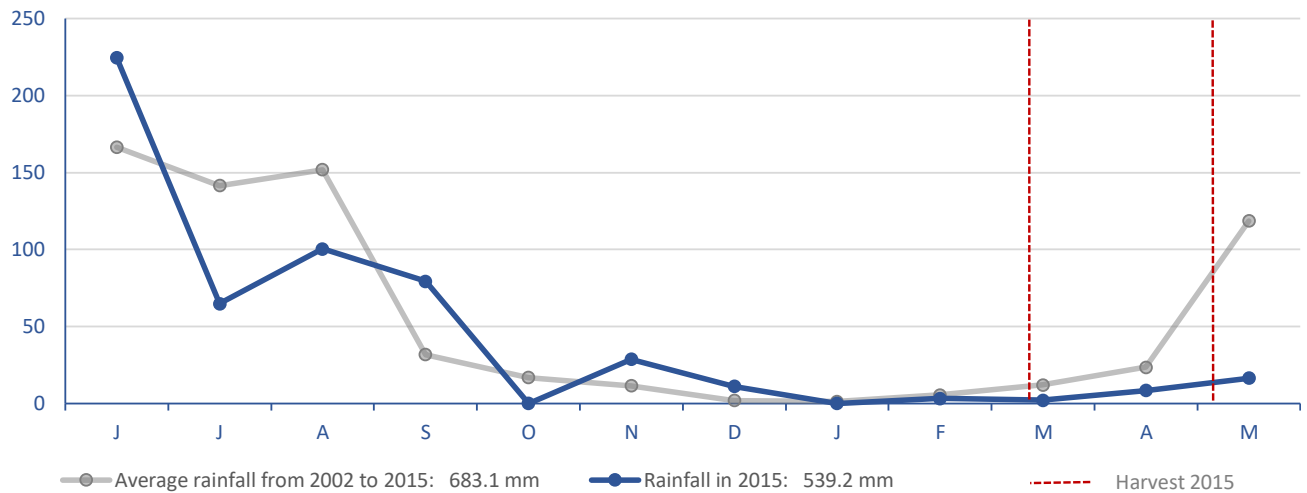
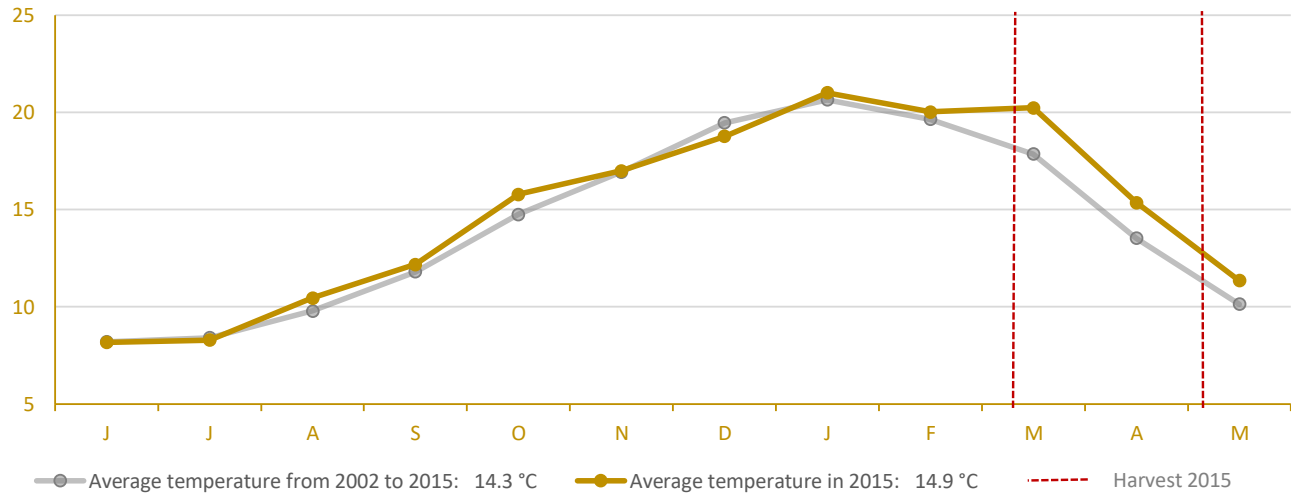
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## Vintage Conditions in 2015



Winter 2014 was considered as rainy in Apalta, with higher temperatures compared to the previous season, moving from a minimum of 4,5°C to 14,7°C maximum. This translate into 0.5°C more than the 2013 vintage.

Spring 2014 had moderate temperatures allowing good bud break and blooming, been both very homogeneous. Summer was more temperate than usual, with some heat waves that lasted for 5 consecutive days in January. This season Apalta registered the higher growing degree days' sum of the last three periods, due mainly to the high temperatures registered towards the end of summer, made of March the warmest of the last decades. However, grapes showed excellent quality when picked with a good aromatic expression and good tannic structure.



## HISTORY

One of the oldest vineyards of Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère in Chile, if not in the world, is the origine of this story. Enclaved in the Colchagua Valley, near the town of Santa Cruz, the Apalta Valley was the place selected by a visionary near the 1915's who, using a unique french massal selection, planted this amazing vineyard. In 1994, Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle and her husband Cyril de Bournet acquired this property. True to the demands of the family, their ambition was to produce an exceptional wine and to pave the way for the qualitative development of the country's fine wines.

Clos Apalta is born in 1997 as the iconic wine of the Domaines Bournet-Lapostolle in Chile under the idea to magnify the exceptional terroir of Apalta with French expertise. Shaping the vineyard foot by foot, building a state-of-the-art gravity fed winery, the family succeeded in making Clos Apalta one of the most iconic wines in South America.

Recognized as "Wine of the Year" when its 2005 vintage was chosen TOP # 1 by the Wine Spectator magazine, Clos Apalta is the only South American wine that has received this award. In addition, the 2000 and 2001 vintages were also positioned as TOP 3 and TOP 2 respectively in the same magazine. With the exceptional 2017 vintage, Clos Apalta is awarded for the third time 100 points by famed American journalist and wine critic James Suckling, consolidating its position in the "Legends of Chile".

Currently, the team behind the creation of Clos Apalta is led by the son of the founders and Seventh Generation of the Bournet-Lapostolle family, Charles de Bournet.

## ESTATE

Clos Apalta is located in the Apalta Valley, near the town of Santa Cruz, 170 Kilometers South West from Santiago.

### CLOS APALTA VINEYARD

Location:	El Condor, Apalta Valley, Colchagua Valley
Coordinates:	34°36'30.77"S 71°17'46.34"W
Elevation:	185 - 385 meters above sea level
Distance from the Sea:	70 Kilometres
Surface area:	48 ha selected of 160 ha total
Plantation:	16 ha 1915-1940, 5.681 plants/ha 16 ha 1997-2000, 6.666 plants/ha 16 ha 2005-2006, 6.666 plants/ha
Training System:	Vertical Trellis in a Double Guyot
Production Yields:	40 hL/ha
Certification:	Organic by Ceres, Biodynamic by Demeter ISO 14.001, HCCP, Carbon Neutral

### GEOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS

Apalta is situated on a North to South exposure, which is quite rare in Chile. The Tinguiririca river rests on the southern side and the hills from the Coastal Cordillera surround the vineyard like a horseshoe. They are both integral in forming this unique terroir. This geography is responsible for the conditions that ensure balance for our vines and a slow ripening for the grapes. At sunrise and sunset, the Cordillera block the sun's rays, limiting the vines exposure to intense sunshine. The river has a cooling influence on the climate.

### CLIMATE CONDITIONS

Apalta has a special meso-climate that is different from the rest of the Colchagua Valley. Its climate could be described as semi-dry Mediterranean with a winter only rainy season and a long dry summer season. During the growing season, warm temperatures with no rain due to the height of the Coastal Mountains which partially block the cold influence of the Pacific Ocean. We benefit from a wide temperature fluctuation between night and day which is a key quality factor for color and tannins in reds. Slow maturation allows the grapes to reach their ideal maturity with high concentration and character, preserving the fruit and high levels of natural acidity, ensuring a long ageing potential.

### SOIL

Apalta has very old soils originated mainly in the Cretaceous (145-66 MY) from granitic and granodioritic material. In the hillside, the soils present angular stones, well decomposed with moderate to fine texture and clay underlying subsoils. On the semi and flatter areas, colluvial and some old alluvial material, from receiving the material from the piedmont and the river. With a thicker texture (sandy to sandy loam) and quartz gravel in the whole profile. Good drainage and slopes of 2-15%.