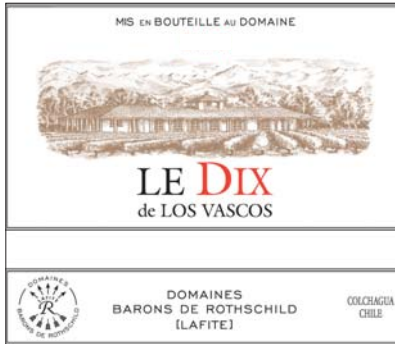


VIÑA LOS VASCOS

LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

Colchagua Valley, Chile



Le Dix de Los Vascos 2009

THE VINEYARD

Le Dix, meaning 10 in French, was introduced in 1996 to celebrate Domaine Barons de Rothschild (Lafite)'s first ten years in Chile. It is only produced in extraordinary vintage years. Le Dix de Los Vascos is grown in the exceptional vineyard, called El Fraile, which means "the monk", the oldest planted vineyard at Los Vascos and the original vineyard on the estate. The vineyard is 100% planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and many parcels of the vineyard have vines reaching 80 years in age. The vineyard is fairly large, covering some 200 acres, Le Dix is produced from severely reduced yields from El Fraile (the best) combined with the most rigorous cuvee selection - the resulting wine is of world class stature.

HARVEST & AGING

The vintage was characterized by very favorable conditions of humidity and temperature, from blooming to the harvest. Vineyard management focused on ensuring low yields and maintaining a controlled irrigation to reach appropriate hydric conditions for the vines. In order to obtain consistency among the various lots destined to Le Dix, multispectral aerial photographs were used in parallel with chemical analyses to monitor maturity and berry tasting. The result clearly reveals the quality potential of the wine and the concentration of the fruit issued from these vineyards. The grapes were handpicked and carefully selected on a sorting table. Alcoholic fermentation was made in temperature regulated stainless steel vats at 30°C, and pumping over was conducted to extract all the stateliness of grapes. Fermentation was followed by long maceration for 20 to 25 days. Malolactic fermentation was carried out in stainless steel tanks. Following a rigorous selection, the wine was aged for 18 months in new French oak barrels.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Le Dix shows a deeply red robe with purple shades. The nose displays ripe and intense red and black fruit aromas with lasting freshness. Ageing in barrels made at Lafite's cooperage grants the wine nice toasty, vanilla, and cinnamon notes that perfectly combine with blackcurrant, blueberry, cherry, and blackberry, with caramel, licorice, black chocolate and assorted peppers. Powerful and complex in the mouth. Strong, full-bodied yet delicate and elegant tannins. An unmistakable invitation to enjoy a round, consistent and prolonged finish.

Grape Varieties: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Carmenère, 5% Syrah,

Annual Production: 6,000 cases

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Alcoholic: 14 %

Total acidity: 3.45 g/l – pH: 3.6

