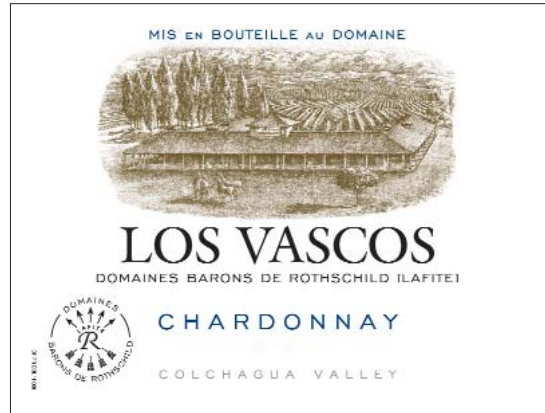


# VIÑA LOS VASCOS

## LES DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

Colchagua Valley, Chile



## Los Vascos Chardonnay 2011

### THE VINEYARD

In the mid-nineteenth century, two of the leading Chilean wine producers brought vines from Bordeaux to improve the quality of the original vineyard of Viña Los Vascos. Chile's natural geographic frontiers protected it from the Phyloxera epidemic of the late nineteenth century and resulted in an unbroken line of wine stock that now produces some of the finest wines in all of Chile. The acquisition of 50% of Los Vascos by Rothschild (Lafite) in 1988 was the result of an exhaustive search of more than one hundred Chilean wines for one that could meet their criteria for excellence. The vineyard's own Chardonnay grapes are complemented by a selection of grapes from the Casablanca valley located further north between Santiago and Valparaíso, which is renowned for its great Chardonnay production.

### HARVEST & AGEING

The early days of the season brought low temperatures, precipitation, and a spring free of frost. Summer and fall temperatures were rather low, which led to grapes ripening slowly and of course to great quality. Low temperatures delayed the harvest, which started on the second week of March in Peralillo, later in Colchagua Andes, and finally in the Casablanca Valley by late April. The result is an elegant wine with excellent balance between acidity, volume, and aroma. Harvesting was done early in the morning, when the temperature is low, which allowed for preserving the wine's full potential. Following selection, the grapes were softly pressed for fermentation in stainless steel vats at controlled temperatures between 14° and 16°C.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Chardonnay shows a bright yellow robe with golden glints. The nose offers pineapple, banana, and grapefruit aromas combined with some pawpaw notes. Fresh, balanced, and round mouthfeel and pleasant finish. Ideal as an aperitif or the perfect match for fish, oysters, poultry, and some mild cheeses.

Grape Varieties: 100% Chardonnay

Yield: 10 ton/ha

Finished Alcohol: 14%

Acidity: 4.1 g/L

pH: 3.2

