



CATALINA UGARTE

PAÍS 2020

ORIGIN

Ranquil, Itata Valley, Chile.

VARIETIES

100% País.

VINEYARD

From several blocks of very old (~200 years) País planted at 280m elevation near Ranquil. The soils are decomposed granite and clay.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand and 90% were destemmed, then fermented in open-top Raulí bins with their skins for 10 days without temperature control, then transferred to old oak barrels to finish. After 12 months, the wine was moved to stainless steel tank to blend, then bottled without fining or filtering.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12%
Total Sulfur: 29 mg/l
Bottles Made: 2500.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Catalina Ugarte is a young winemaker working with tiny local growers in the Secano Interior region of the Itata Valley. Trained in Italy, Spain, and her native Chile, her focus is on the uniquely Chilean viticultural heritage that is the País grape, and the ancient vines that dot the Itata valley.

VINTAGE REPORT

2020 was a benign year in terms of weather. The biggest difficulties are always frosts in spring, rains during the harvest period and cold temperatures during fermentation. However, for the 2020 harvest everything was excellent, despite problems with the logistics of harvest due to the COVID-19 pandemic.