

José Pastor Selections

IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

Growers *Macarena del Río &*

Thomas Parayre

Appellation *Valle del Itata*

Climate *Mediterranean*

Varieties *70% Chasselas, 30%*

Chardonnay

Soil *Basalt, alluvial*

Elevation *50-70 meters*

Vine Age *48 & 7 years, respectively*

Pruning *Levante, Espaldera*

Farming *Organic*

Production *133 cases*

Macatho

ChaCha 2017



CHACHA

MACARENA DEL RÍO, THOMAS PARAYRE

CHASSELAS 70% / CHARDONNAY 30%
CERRO NEGRO / CURICA
2017

D.O. VALLE DEL ITATA - PRODUCTO CHILENO
VINO BLANCO - JUGO DE UVA FERMENTADO
12% ALC. BY VOL. - 75 CL.
CONTIENE SULFITOS

COSECHADO, VINIFICADO, NO FILTRADO Y EMBOTELLADO POR
MACATHO
ASOCIACIÓN MACATHO Y PARTES
FUNDADA POR MACARENA DEL RÍO Y THOMAS
PARAYRE. REPÚBLICA DE CHILE

A series of chance encounters is what led **Macarena del Río and Thomas Parayre** to find each other and start their joint project **Macatho** in 2016. Born in Chile to a French mother, Maca enrolled at the prestigious University of Bordeaux to study winemaking. While there, she stumbled across a natural wine bar in Southwest France that inspired her and changed her way of thinking about wine. After completing her studies, she worked harvest with several natural winemakers across France, including the famed Yvon Métras in Beaujolais. Born in France, Thomas arrived in Chile over 20 years ago seeking adventure. Along the way, he became roommates with Louis-Antoine Luyt, who was then working in restaurants and beginning to learn about wine himself; his course was forever changed, and he worked with Luyt and other natural Chilean winemakers for over 10 years before he met Maca during a harvest with Luyt. Thomas and Maca are now two of the the most talked-about newcomers to the Chilean wine scene.

Macatho organically works and farms 3ha of old-vine parcels in the **Maule, Itata, and Bío-Bío valleys** in southern Chile. The entire country has cooling Pacific coastal influences, along with abundant sunshine and dry conditions due to the Andes to the east, all of which makes organic farming much easier for Chilean growers. In the cellar, all work is done manually and by gravity. Their winery is located just north of the town of Chillán in the Itata Valley, about 400km south of Santiago.

ChaCha is Macatho's one white wine, made from Itata Valley **chasselas** grown on basalt soils, blended with young-vine **chardonnay** grown on alluvial terraces. The grapes are hand-harvested in early March and cooled overnight, de-stemmed and spontaneously co-fermented in stainless steel with 13-16 days on skins, then raised in the same vessels for 6 months. Bottled with the bare minimum of added SO₂, ChaCha is a skin-contact white wine, with savory texture, vibrant acidity, and flavors & aromatics of orchard fruit.