

TAKING STRIL

CISTIC Mar

Agrícola Macatho is the winery project of **Maca**rena del Río and **Tho**mas Payrare, who started making wine together in 2016 near their home in Chillán in Chile's Itata Valley. Their story embodies the entanglement of France and Chile in one chapter of the history of Chilean natural wine. Maca's mother was French, and she worked harvests at Métras and Domaine La Bohème in France; Thomas was born in France and came to Chilean natural wine through his friend Louis-Antoine Luyt. Now, working out of a small bodega outfitted with a collection of stainless steel tanks in central Itata, they collaborate with small organic farmers to make bright and fresh low-intervention wines.

2020 was a warm and dry vintage that yielded high quality fruit in good quantities. Harvesting earlier than most, Maca and Thomas made fruit-forward and elegant wines with good structure.

FALTA SCHUKO 2020

Sauvignon Blanc and Chasselas from a coplanted vineyard near Portezuelo on sandy granite soils. 100% destemmed, cofermented in stainless steel tank with 26 days of maceration on skins. 13.7% ABV. 5mg/L total sulfur.

CHACHA 2020

70% Chasselas and 30% Chardonnay from two vineyards in Itata. 100% destemmed and fermented and rested separately in stainless steel tanks: 38 days of skin contact for the Chardonnay, 32 days for the Chasselas. Blended before bottling. 13.2% ABV. 4mg/L total sulfur.

SEGUNDO FLORES 2020

100% País from a 150+-year-old vineyard (the same as María Rosé) near Cauquenes in the Maule valley on clay loam soils. 100% destemmed, fermented and aged in stainless steel tank with 30 days of maceration the skins. 14% ABV, 6mg/L total sulfur.

CHIMILTITO 2020

100% País from a vineyard of roughly 200-year-old vines near Ninhue. 100% destemmed, fermented and aged in stainless steel tank with 22 days of maceration on the skins. 14.4% ABV. 6mg/L total sulfur.

