

Baettig Vino de Viñedo "Los Parientes" Chardonnay 2022 D.O. Traiguén

Vintage 2022:

Moderately cool and late season, with the heat summation below the historical average. The winter was relatively dry (400 mm). Dry and cool spring with big frosts in September and October led to very small crop.

The start of the spring was cold with a dry September (45 mm of rain). November and December were also dry allowing a good fruit set of the reduced number of clusters. January was rainy (60 mm) and cool, February showed average temperatures whereas March and April were cold and rainy, particularly April with 184 mm of precipitation. This long and late season of small production translated in wines of great intensity and typicity along with excellent tension and concentration.

Los Suizos Vineyard:

- Region: Malleco D.O. Traiguén
- Geology: pyroclastic volcanic breccia of andesite lava.
- Soils: ancient soils of volcanic origin with clay to loam texture (red clay soils).
- **Climate:** Mediterranean with temperate summer and rainy winter. Abundant average rainfall (1,084mm/year) allows dry farming.
- Harvest dates: April 05th to 12th

Winemaking:

- Varietal composition: 100% Chardonnay

- **Vinification:** 100% whole cluster pressed, 24 hrs cold settling, barrel fermented with native yeasts.

- Aging: 8 months in used French barrels. 15% new (300 & 400 lts)
- Bottled: November 22nd 2022

Production: 7.254 bottles

Tasting Notes:

Punchy mineral whiff with impressive intensity. Wet stones and lemon peel. Such a taut, textured palate, cut through by sharp acidity. So bright and pure, yet tangy and austere. Really nervy, almost "metallic" and gastronomic! A wine you want to finish a bottle now (JS).

Compared with the super austere 2021, the 2022 feels a little rounder and juicier. It had a shorter élevage in barrel to keep the freshness. The alcohol is still a low 13%, and there's a very low pH of 2.99, but the wine has a different aromatic profile with some dry hay, pollen, and beeswax. It has freshness and tension and citrus notes in the palate, as it's still very dry and has a chalky finish (RP)