

Clos des Fous

A mesmerising Malbec made from vines planted in 1914 in the cooler southern Bío-Bío Valley, producing grapes with beautiful acidity and fruit characteristics. Ripe, rich and well-structured with a lingering, intense finish.

Tocao 2014

Itata Valley, Chile

Vineyards:

The Clos des Fous Tocao is a mesmerizing Malbec from a vineyard planted in 1914 in the southern Bío-Bío Valley, producing fruit with marvelously fresh acidity and fine tannins. Today there are only 27 hectares of Malbec in San Rosendo and Clos des Fous farm four of them. Funnily enough, the word 'Tocao' means 'a bit touched in the head', as nobody else would be crazy enough to work with Malbec in this area!

Vinification:

The grapes are hand harvested and transported to the winery. Traditional fermentation took place in concrete vats. The wine is aged in French oak from the Allier forest, 30% of which is new. It spends almost two years ageing in oak and is not racked.

Tasting Notes:

An incredible wine with ripe and rich fruit, boasting aromas of dark berries and mahogany. It is fulled bodied on the palate with ripe, well-structured tannins and long, intense finish.



Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 80% Malbec, 20% Carignan

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2013)

The dark, almost black and opaque 2013 Tocao is a floral and heady blend of Malbec from Bio Bio with some Cariñena from Cauquenes and Cabernet Sauvignon from Rancagua (Alto Cachapoal). The head-pruned and dry-farmed Malbec comes from a vineyard planted in 1914 in the village of San Rosendo on red granite soils. It fermented in concrete vats and aged in 50/50 new and second use French oak barrels with lees for two years. The effect of the oak in the élevage is still noticeable, with plenty of spicy and toasty/smoky notes, even if they used less new barrels in this second vintage. This gives it a more commercial, mainstream profile, quite unlike the style of Clos des Fous. The palate shows much better, with very fine tannins and good balance between power and elegance, with very good freshness. Give it some more time in bottle. 2,640 bottles were filled in March 2016.