
Millaman(Hacienda El Condor Sa)



Millaman means Golden Condor to the ancient inhabitants of the land where today the Millamans range of wines are produced. The Hacienda, planted with 200 hectares of prime vineyard, lies in the heart of the Curico valley, one of the oldest and most privileged viticultural regions of Chile. Its century old vineyards are carefully irrigated with pure water from the Mataquito River, which runs through the property. The oldest parts of the winery were built at the end of the last century testifying to the longstanding tradition of the winemaking at the Millaman Hacienda. Over the years, the winery has been expanded and modernized to meet the requirements of the most demanding international markets. However keeping abreast of changing times in 2002 VINA MILLAMAN built a new facility on site of the estate 's original winery incorporating state-of-the-art technology. The 100-year old adobe walls were carefully restored in order to retain the architectural Chilean colonial style of the original winery. While their underground cellar has a capacity for storing 150 oak barrels and contains specially designed racks to hold their finest bottles. The first label from this latter venture, Escudo Rojo, was introduced in early 2001. Instantaneous success, Escudo Rojo was on the cover page of the Wine Spectator at the end of 2001. Millaman hope to follow in their footsteps. <Winemaker Profile> Stefano Gandolini : was born in Chile in 1966 and straddles many different cultures. He is bilingual in Italian and Spanish, and speaks fluent French and English. He has travelled all over the world to work and study and has absorbed many different influences. He has a degree in Agronomy from the Universidad Catolica in Chile, a Masters in Oenology from Piacenza, Italy, and an Oenology degree from Bordeaux University. He completed his studies with work experience, including Chateau Cos d'Estournel in 1994, Chateau Pavie 1994/5, Louis Latour in Burgundy 1995, and Robert Mondavi in California in 1996. Having previously worked for Dona Paula in Argentina, Vina Vista Mar and Santa Rita in Chile, he now is winemaker and managing director of is GVV Terroirs, which stands for Gandolini, Ventolera, a property in Leyda making excellent cool climate pinot and sauvignon blancs, and von Sibenthal, a property in Aconcagua making a number of wines from red varieties including carmenere. Alexis Castro : Our winemaker is Alexis Castro. He studied Agronomy at the Universidad del Mar (in Talca) and then a post-graduate degree in Oenology at the Universidad Catolica del Maule. He worked in the harvests in Spain and has been entirely devoted to our company for the past 10 years, not just in terms of time, but also emotionally.