

Château Los Boldos,
`Tradition Réserve` Cachapoal Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
2021
Cachapoal Andes, Chile



Grape Varieties	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Winemaker	Meinard Bloem
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Château Los Boldos was founded in 1991 and is situated 100km south of Santiago in the foothills of the Cachapoal Andes. Working with a portion of old vines originally planted in 1948, the focus from the onset has been on the production of premium wines. The estate has been transformed since it was purchased by Sogrape in 2008. Renowned soil scientist and viticultural consultant Pedro Parra was brought in to assess the plots and match the right variety to the different soils around the estate. The type of rootstock, planting density, orientation and the frequency of irrigation were all within Pedro's remit.

VINEYARDS

Los Boldos has 170 hectares of vineyards which benefit from a Mediterranean climate. The clear, bright skies during the summer and the wide diurnal temperature range are ideal for growing fruit that maintains fresh acidity whilst ripening to perfection. The grapes for the Cabernet Sauvignon come from a vineyard in Requinoa, located in the appellation of Cachapoal. The nearby Cachapoal river moderates temperatures, while stony alluvial soils in the vineyard ensure low yields.

VINTAGE

2021 began with a dry winter, which was followed by spring frosts that reduced yields by 20%. Summer was warm and dry, with some rainfall at the end of January that thankfully didn't compromise the quality of the fruit. Harvest began under sunny and cool conditions in the last week of February.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place in stainless-steel tanks over a period of eight days, at a controlled temperature of 26°C. No oak was used in order to preserve the intense varietal flavours of the Cabernet Sauvignon, with malolactic conversion allowed. The wine then remained in tank for four months before being bottled and released.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a deep ruby red in colour. On the nose are aromas of cherries and cassis mingled with herbal characters. The palate is balanced and fresh, with well-integrated tannins and an elegant finish.