Pedro Parra,

`Imaginador` Itata Valley Cinsault 2023

Itata Valley, Chile



Grape Varieties	**100% Cinsault**
Winemaker	**Pedro Parra**
Closure	**Agglomerated Cork**
ABV	**13.5%**
Bottle Sizes	**75cl**

PRODUCER

Pedro Parra is a renowned soil and vineyard mapping expert with a Masters and PhD in Precision Agriculture and Terroir from the Institut Agronomique National in Paris. As a consultant to many well-known wineries in the Americas and Europe, he has spent much of the past 18 years discovering new sites, digging 'calicatas' (pits for soil analysis) and transforming the way wineries manage their vineyards. However, he always dreamed that one day he would make his own wines in his native Itata. In 2013, assisted by consultant winemaker, long-term friend and business partner Alberto Antonini, Pedro released Itata wines under his own label. His vision was simple: to make pure wines from old bush vines grown on granitic soils and to help the local "brave vignerons", who protected the land and vines for centuries.

VINEYARDS

Pure Cinsault is grown in four vineyards surrounding the town of Guarilihue situated in the Itata Valley in the Southern Region. The soil here is granite, dominated by quartz silt and sand. The region experiences cooling influences lying around 19km from the Pacific Ocean on the rolling hills west of the Andes.

VINTAGE

2023 was a difficult year. The growing season began with a relatively wet and cold winter, followed by an equally cold spring. As a result, budburst and flowering were slow to develop. The summer, on the other hand, was one of the hottest of the last 70 years, leading to rampant wildfires across Itata (as well as Maule and Bío Bío), destroying more than 50,000 hectares of forests and also tragically claiming human lives. As a result, yields were dramatically reduced.

VINIFICATION

The hand harvested whole cluster grapes were fermented in concrete and open stainless-steel tanks at low natural temperatures to avoid over-extraction for around 15 days. Different ageing vessels were used in order to add complexity to the final blended wine : oak barrels and concrete for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of cranberry and wild herbs with vibrant acidity and fine tannins. The minerality from the granitic soils carries through from the nose to the long, refreshing finish.