Baron Philippe de Rothschild · Viña Concha y Toro

Almaviva

# 2020

## *Vintage Notes*

The vintage 2020 was a magnificent vintage, due to the particularly dry climatic conditions. A vintage that will be remembered as one of the most challenging for the team, that with great effort, commitment and dedication, was able to achieve an exceptional result.

Winter was dramatically dry with only 64 mm of rainfall from May to September 2019, 75% less than the historical average of 256 mm.

During the same winter period, the temperatures were alternatively lower and higher than usual, resulting in a budbreak occurring a bit later than expected, mainly during the first two weeks of a cold October.

The temperatures increased significantly in November, and stayed at higher levels than usual during all Spring and Summer. Throughout the whole vegetative cycle, we hoped for rain and considered initially the drought as the main issue of the vintage. Paradoxically, the heats and the drought became a real blessing as they generated an early ripening process and obliged us to harvest naturally earlier and faster than usual, under the pressure of the incipient pandemic.

All our grapes were quickly harvested between March 13th and April 17th, ending 3-4 weeks earlier than usual. The particular conditions of the year concentrated the savors in the berries, producing a wonderful vintage 2020 with lots of fruit, freshness, density and tension.

## *Tasting Notes*

An appealing dark and vibrant ruby color. The nose is pure and layered, displaying a generous and elegant bouquet of blackberry, ripe cassis and wild strawberry, associated to mineral hints and delicate notes of violet, ink, vanilla and dark chocolate. On the palate, the wine shows an outstanding balance, full of life, density and structure, roundness and savors. Refined, well ripened and coated tannins grant this wine a voluptuous texture, perfectly balanced by a great acidity, as the evolution leaves an impression of plenitude, length and harmony. An elegant and well-built wine from an excellent and memorable dry vintage.

## *Assemblage*

| | |
|---|---|
| Cabernet Sauvignon: | 68 % |
| Carmenère: | 24 % |
| Cabernet Franc: | 6 % |
| Petit Verdot: | 2 % |

Barrel Ageing: 20 Months, New French Oak.

NOTES

2020