

TOURIGA NACIONAL IN CHILE RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL CRITICS

Château Los Boldos wines earn 91 points from Robert Parker in the Wine Advocate

Press Release 01/10/2021 - Sogrape has just seen its pioneering work recognised with the introduction of the best-known Portuguese grape variety in Chile. The first wines of Touriga Nacional with the *Château Los Boldos* signature deserved the attention of international critics, conquering 91 points in the Wine Advocate reference platform, from Robert Parker.

The website of renowned international critic Robert Parker has just awarded 91 points to *Château Los Boldos Speciality Series Dry Rosé* 2020 and *Château Los Boldos Speciality Series Touriga Nacional* 2019. These result from the first production of Touriga Nacional by Sogrape in Chile through Viña Los Boldos, in a clear bet on diversity and experimentalism in other parts of the world.

"We are extremely pleased with the recognition won by these two wines. It is the first culmination of a pioneering process that began in 2008 to introduce Touriga Nacional to Chile and has shown us that we still have enormous untapped potential," Meinard Jan Bloem, winemaker at Viña Los Boldos, said. "With these results in the very first year of production, we have great expectations and responsibility for the coming years," he added.

Sogrape started the best recognised Portuguese grape variety in Chile in 2015, with a small lot of 0.22 hectares, and today has 2.83 hectares of Touriga Nacional in Viña Los Boldos. After 3 years of strict quarantine, required by SAG - *Servicio Agrícola e Ganadero* for the introduction of new varieties, Viña Los Boldos planted the first batch of Touriga Nacional in 2015. A real bet on the Portuguese grape variety's quality, versatility and potential, fuelled by the similarities between Dão - where the variety originates, and Requínoa - the Andean region of the Cachapoal Valley where the Sogrape producer's vineyard in Chile is located.



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