

THE SOURCE A LOS VIÑATEROS BRAVOS ITATA VALLEY



2019 LEONARDO ERAZO, LAS CURVAS

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Leo Erazo's Los Viñateros Bravos and his eponymous label wines come from the Guarilhue area of Chile's Itata Valley, the first settlement of Spanish Conquistadors in the 16th century who brought their own vines. Dominated by ancient pink/orange granite dating from the Cretaceous period and younger volcanic soils, the minimalist and naturalist, Leonardo Erazo, practices organic, biodynamic, and dry farming with the own-rooted, ancient 150-300-year-old País bush vines. All the wines are vinified with spontaneous fermentations in concrete (eggs, spheres, and more), amphoras, large wood vats and food-grade polymer containers, and they're pressed in a vertical, wooden press.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Las Curvas Cinsault comes from a small selection of a 0.88ha parcel planted in 1938 on a steep slope facing north at 250m on red granite bedrock with a 20cm topsoil of iron-rich red clay and large-grain quartz both derived from the underlying bedrock.

CELLAR NOTES

Partial whole cluster (~30%) natural ferment for 3 weeks with 1-2 daily punch downs or only wetting of the cap at 20°C max. Aged 18 months in 30hl cement vat. Sulfites added only at bottling. No fining or filtration.

