



# Calcu

## Coastal Chilean Wine with Natural Balance

**“We are managing our vineyards in a very different way from most everyone else in Chile. Our grapes ripen much earlier than others, and we are achieving wines that have more fresh fruit and floral aromas, natural alcohol levels that are closer to 13%, a good level of natural acidity without having to add tartaric acid, and smaller berries. Xavier, Eric and I share the view that the natural balance and elegance of the grapes is far better than what the best winemaker can achieve.”**

**—Ricardo Rivadeniera, Maquis owner & winemaker**

Calcu is the second label of Vinas Maquis. Their vineyards are located in the Colchagua Valley. Their new releases include a lineup of single varietal wines that complement the delicious red blend it is already famous for. Since 2005, Ricardo Rivadeniera has worked with viticulturist Xavier Chone, who also consults with Chateau Yquem, Leoville Las Cases, Opus One and Dalla Valle. Under Xavier’s influence the vineyards are strategically planted and farmed with minimal irrigation. Carmenere is planted in the warmest spots and Cabernet Franc in the cooler areas. Winemaking specialist Jacques Boissenot, who lists four of the five Bordeaux first growths, Chateaux Margaux, Lafite, Latour, and Mouton Rothschild, is at the helm of the winemaking team.

Winemaker Rodrigo Romero oversees the production of six distinct wines that showcase the diverse flavors of Chile’s Colchagua Valley wine growing region. Calcu’s Marchigüe vineyards are planted along rolling coastal hills, southwest of Santiago and only 15 miles from the Pacific coast. The ocean breezes help keep temperatures moderate during the growing season and the soils are granitic with clay content, conditions that are important to develop character and structure.

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