



## 2016 HARVEST REPORT

The 2015–2016 season has had unusual weather conditions. It began with a winter that was normal in terms of rainfall, followed by a cool spring with some late precipitation that led us to believe that the harvest would yield normal volumes. After fruit set, however, we noticed a decrease in production, with very loose and light-weight bunches. Today we expect the final yield to be 10% lower than last year's. The summer was also unusual. It was very cool in the beginning, but February was one of the hottest in recent years, although ripening was long and slow.

The weather factors not only influenced yields and grape health, but have also delayed ripening by 2–3 weeks under very favorable conditions.

The harvest is now underway, and what we can say about it so far is that there has been no rainfall, the temperatures and luminosity are as expected, and the yields have been low. To date we have harvested our Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir and are now finishing up with Chardonnay. The fruit is fresh and has great aromatic expression. We hope to begin picking the red grapes in the coming days.

As usual, the growers and winemakers are in the vineyards every day to be alert for and react quickly to any possible problems in order to ensure the quality of our great wines.

See you soon,

Aurelio Montes Sr.  
**President and Winemaker**  
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