

Harvest 2019 - El Algarrobo Vineyard, Casablanca Valley.

2020 Vintage Preview.

We are nearing the end of the year and very soon, a new harvest will keep us quite busy in our noble land. At TerraNoble, the winemaking and viticulturist teams have been working at full speed, touring the vineyards and carrying out all necessary practices to ensure the quality of the grapes that are about to be harvested, always respecting the land and the fruit we expect to obtain.

It's not an easy work and we estimate we have completed more than 30,000 km visiting our vineyards from Maule to Colchagua and from Maipo to Casablanca, observing, tasting the grapes and taking decisions which we hope will have a positive impact on quality. During these last few months, we have been engaged in foliar management to produce excellent light and ventilation conditions and thus achieve the best development of our fruit, considering that the verticality of the shoots, their placement and subsequent defoliation around the bunches play a key role.

Last winter was dry, especially in our properties located in the Vth and Vlth regions. Spring hasn't been very easy either. We had several frost events that partially affected Casablanca. Forecasts predict a dry and hot summer, so there are still some difficult kilometers that need to be run before arriving to the end of this race.

About the season, we can roughly venture that it will be quite a normal harvest, with the exception of certain areas like Casablanca, which suffered from spring frosts.

The phenological states are about 10 to 15 days ahead, which, added to a hot summer, leads us to predict an earlier 2020 harvest.

For the time being, all we can do is wait. In the meantime, in the winery we are fully dedicated to prepare the 2019 blends, to work with foudres and barriques and to bottle our 2018 Gran Reserva wines, giving them the needed time in the bottle to smoothen tannins and add evolution.

Marcelo García Winemaker

