

BODEGA CHACRA

RIO NEGRO - PATAGONIA

Bodega Chacra is located in the Rio Negro Valley of northern Patagonia, 620 miles south of Buenos Aires, roughly equidistant west to east from the Andes Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. It is an idyllic region for grape growing notable for the absence of phylloxera and vine diseases. Due to the region's remoteness the air is unbelievably pristine, creating tremendous luminosity and intensity of sunlight. In 2004 Piero Incisa della Rocchetta purchased the first of three vineyards that have now become Bodega Chacra. Piero was captivated by an abandoned plot of Pinot Noir planted over 70 years ago, and became obsessed by the notion of producing world class Pinot Noir in one of the most remote, inhospitable and unlikely places in the world.

The gnarled ungrafted Pinot vines produce tiny bunches of small, concentrated berries which are harvested by hand. The grapes are hand-picked, hand de-stemmed and sorted before moving to cement tanks for fermentation. Winemaking is done in the most natural manner with minimal intervention. When the alcoholic fermentation is complete, the wine is transferred off the skins into small French oak barrels, by gravity, without pressing or filtering. The wines are bottled without fining or filtration after maturation. The amount of time in oak depends upon the individual cuvee. The objective is for the oak, the fruit and the nuances of the soil to marry perfectly, so that influence of the wood is nearly imperceptible in the wine, creating a true expression of grape and terroir.

Bodega Chacra produces three Pinot Noir based wines: 'Treinta Y Dos' from a vineyard planted in 1932, 'Cincuenta y Cinco' from a vineyard planted in 1955 and Barda (The Ridge) which uses fruit from both of these vineyards and younger plantings from the original 1932 property.

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