



# ROGUE VINE

**Year Founded:** 2011

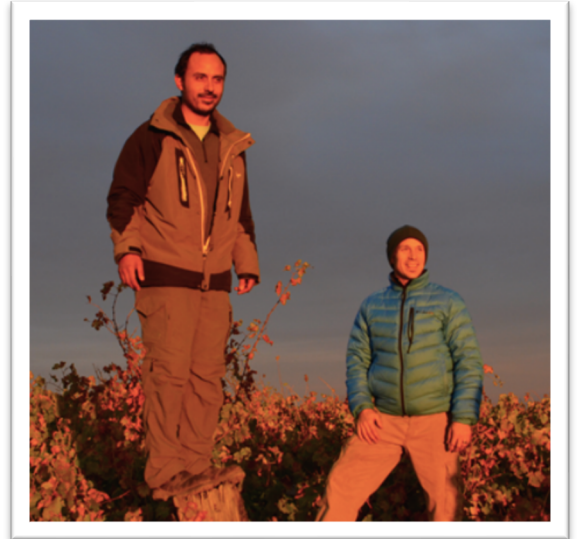
**Region:** Chillan, Itata Valley, Chile

**Winemaker/owner:** Leo Erazo, Justin Decker

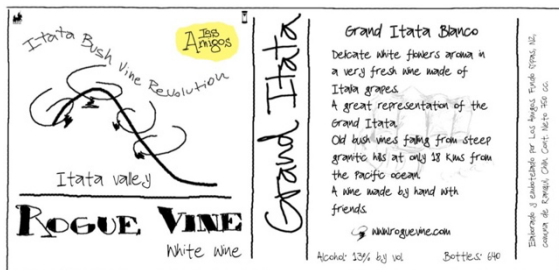
**Fun Fact:** A true passion project, Rogue Vine is a collaboration of two friends who wanted to preserve the unique old vine wines from Itata. Making a collection of boutique wines from field blends, the philosophy of Rogue is to capture a place and a moment in time – celebrating the old bush vines of the south.

**-Organic, Sustainable-**

Started in a one-car garage in Concepcion, Chile. This duo met while teaching at the University of Concepcion. At Rogue Vine, they make wines from the Nipas and Guarilhue subregions of the Itata Valley. All the vineyards are composed of hillside, dry-farmed bush-vines that are a minimum of 60 years old, with some over 100 years old. The soils are primarily comprised of decomposed granite with a mix of clay and quartz. The winemaking is simple and employs native yeast, concrete globes, old barrels, no corrections, with minimal or no sulfur prior to bottling. Itata Valley's viticulture is primarily practiced through horse plowing and hand farming. Part of Rogue Vine's focus is to promote the rich culture and history of this long neglected and rural farming community. Leo is also the winemaker for Altos Las Hormigas in Mendoza, Argentina and Justin is an expat from Indiana who got bit by the wine bug and started a family in Chile.



## 2020 Rogue Vine Grand Itata Blanco, Guarilhue



This is a blend of old vine, hand harvested grapes consisting of 45% Moscatel, 30% Riesling, and 25% Semillon. This wine is from Colina Sur, 7.4 acres, planted in 1922 on paleozoic granite. Native yeast. Aged in concrete galilei (spheres) in contact with lees. 21 day maceration. The nose is vibrant with notes of peach, white flowers, lychee and mandarin orange that lead to a soft but stony mid palate of star fruit and coconut flakes. A long, complex finish is heightened by the bright acid and mineral qualities. **Organic!**



## 2022 Rogue Vine Grand Itata Tinto, Guarilihue



**“Among the most interesting Chilean wines that I’ve had.” -Eric Asimov, New York Times**

This wine is from La Bella Vineyard, 9.8 acres, planted in 1960 on paleozoic granite. Native yeast. Ages in concrete galilei (spheres) in contact with lees. This is a field blend of old vine, hand harvested grapes consisting of 95% Cinsault and 5% Pais. The nose is lifted and shows bright red fruits of raspberry and strawberry with rose petals and hints of fresh forest floor. The palate is defined by its light tannin and acid structure that keeps the wine light, accentuating the fruit and leading to a soft finish. **Organic!**

**92 Points – ’21 Robert Parker –** *“The nose of the 2021 Grand Itata screams Cinsault from Guarilihue with those bright aromas of translucent red berries, aromatic herbs and exotic spices (nutmeg and cola nut). This has good ripeness, very good definition and clarity and is expressive of the granite soils. This wine is textbook for the variety and place. It’s a great value too.”*