



CLOS DES FOUS

Year Founded: 2008

Region: Cauquenes, Maule Valley, Chile

Winemaker/owner: Pedro Parra, Francois Massoc, Paco Leyton and Albert Cussen

Fun Fact: "Pour Ma Gueule" is a term commonly used by French vintners which translates to "for my gob" and usually refers to a stash of wine determined too good to sell to the public and reserved for the winemakers' personal consumption

-Sustainable-

Four friends, Pedro, Francois, Paco and Albert were tired of hearing that Chilean wine was all boring, industrial, green, and overripe so they set out in search of the Dark Side of the Moon. Francois and Pedro are longtime friends, akin to brothers, and both have spent much time abroad making wine and working vineyards in Europe.

Clos des Fous' philosophy is to produce wines with tension, from grapes grown in extreme terroir, with minimal intervention in the winery. Clos des Fous owns and manages vineyards in Malleco, Guarilhue, Alto Cahapoal, and Western Aconcagua. They produce a variety of wines and work with multiple iterations of Pinot Noir, Cinsault, Pais, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Riesling at their winery in Cauquenes, Maule. Pedro Parra has a Masters degree in precision agriculture and a Ph.D. for his work with terroir. Pedro currently consults as a terroir specialist around the globe in Argentina, Oregon, Italy, France, Spain, Georgia, Croatia, and beyond working with world renowned vigneron like Jean Marc Roulot. Clos des Fous is one of Chile's most innovative, inspiring, and authentic wineries producing some of the most exciting wines in South America. This is as cutting edge as it gets anywhere in the world, combining extreme viticulture, sustainable and organic farming, and non-interventionist winemaking to reveal the true potential of the country Hugh Johnson has called 'the most blessed in the world' for winegrowing.



2016 Clos des Fous Dulcinea, Malleco



100% Chardonnay. This wine is from Monje vineyard, 5 acres, planted in 2010 on volcanic tuff. 24 months in French oak barrels. 24 months on its lees.

94 Points - Robert Parker - "A fresh vintage with good weight, combining elegance and ripeness, always super tasty, elegant and long on the palate, in a subtle way."

2018 Clos des Fous Pour Ma Gueule 'PMG' Assemblage Itata, Itata



85% Cinsault, 8% Pais, 5% Malbec, 2% Carignan. This wine comes from multiple, various small vineyards that average 3 acres each, planted in 1965 (on average) on granite soil. 10-day cold soak. Aged in a concrete vat.

91 Points - Robert Parker - "A primary nose of red berries and a juicy palate with fine tannins and high drinkability. Balanced and fresh, very tasty."



2017 Clos des Fous Cauquenina, Cauquenes, Maule



Carignan 33%, Pais 22%, Portugais Bleu 12%, Petite Sirah 12%, Syrah 10%, Malbec 6%, Cinsault 5%. Granite soil. Aged in concrete vat and stainless steel tank. This blend from the Maule show notes of leather, cassis, blackberry, crushed walnuts and a hint of eucalyptus on the nose. Fig and blueberry syrup on the palate with touches of powdered sugar and some spice. This wine has depth and layers that continue to an extremely long finish.

91 Points – Robert Parker

90 Points – James Suckling – *“Very spicy and rustic, meaty nose with star-anise, white pepper and smoked meat, lying over savory plums and eucalyptus. Fresh, succulent palate of medium weight with some nice, peppery accents in the finish. Tight and elastic. Delicious.”*

2018 Clos des Fous Pour Ma Guele Pinot Noir, Valle del Itata



88% Pinot Noir, 12% Cinsault. A sustainably farmed, single vineyard (Vinedo Latqui) Pinot Noir on granite soils. 10-day cold soak maceration. Aged in concrete vat.

2018 Clos des Fous Subsollum Pinot Noir, Aconcagua Coast and Itata



Pinot Noir 92%, Cinsault 8%. A sustainably farmed Pinot Noir from Pucalan and Larqui vineyards - About 10 acres in total, planted in 2008 Pucalan, 1988 Larqui on Pucalan-Paleozoic Calcareous and Sandy, Larqui- Granitic. 10-day cold soak. 18 months lees contact. Aged in concrete vat and stainless steel tank.

91 Points – '17 James Suckling

90+ Points – '17 Robert Parker – *“Fruit-driven, light, easy to drink and straightforward, with a light to medium body and subtle acidity. It was a warmer vintage, and the wine is a little riper, soft and round.”*

2020 Clos des Fous Grillos Cantores, Cachapoal



This sustainably farmed, estate wine comes from a single vineyard in Cachapoal. Carbonated alluvial soils. 10-day cold soak. 18 months lees contact. Aged in concrete vat and stainless steel tank. The wine shows Cassis, leather and baked berry compote on the nose with kirsch and baking spices on the palate. A classic Cabernet Sauvignon.

91 Points – Robert Parker – *“This pure Cabernet always sticks out like a sore thumb in the middle of the other wines. Minty, balsamic, herbal but ripe, intensely varietal and with a round palate with soft tannins.”*