RAFAEL TIRADO

‘Winemaker of the Year’

-Tim Atkin (2023 Chile Report)

Year Founded: **1993**

Region: **Maule Valley, Chile**

Winemaker/owner: **Rafael Tirado**

Fun fact: **Over the course of his decades long career, he has made wine around the world, managed several mid-sized Chilean wineries, many of which are exported to the USA, and has become one of the most sought-after wine consultants in Chile.**

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As one of ten children, Rafael Tirado has long been prepared to navigate his way through life. Rafael purchased land in the Eastern Maule Valley in the front range of the Chilean Andes and planted his first estate vines in 1993 on volcanic ash over granite. He currently has five parcels totaling 18ha of vines. His vineyards are legally recognized to be located within the Colbun DO and currently is the only estate producer in the DO. Much of his vineyard is planted in various orientations, some of which are planted in the shape of a labyrinth. Rafael built a small gravity fed winery and a geothermal barrel and bottle room on the property, and currently produces estate wines under the Laberinto and Vistalago labels. We believe these wines to be some of the most classical expressions of terroir in all of Chile, and Rafael Tirado to be a beacon of artisan Chilean Wine.



2025 Laberinto Cenizas Sauvignon Blanc, Colbún

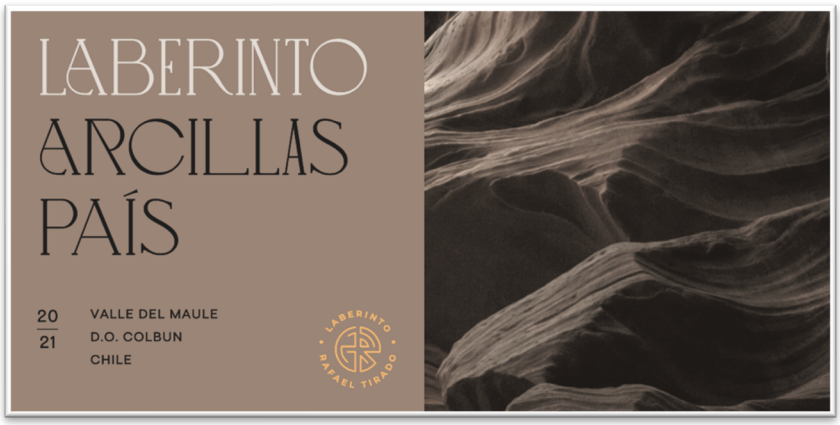


This hand harvested, single vineyard, 100% estate Sauvignon Blanc is from vines that Rafael Tirado planted himself in 1993. Fermented in 100% stainless steel on its lees for 6 months which leads to a very juicy and refreshing wine. The grapes were macerated in the press for 4-6 hours at 11°C. Unoaked.

94 Points – Robert Parker – *“Displays impressive depth, breadth and overall power, all of which is wrapped up in a degree of purity and laser-like focus that routinely makes it one of Chile's most compelling iterations of the grape. A subtle, waxy backdrop adds a bit of density to an overall sleek, linear profile, culminating in a stark, minimalist finish that lingers with mineral notes.”*

Wine of the Year - 96 Points – ’24 Tim Atkin

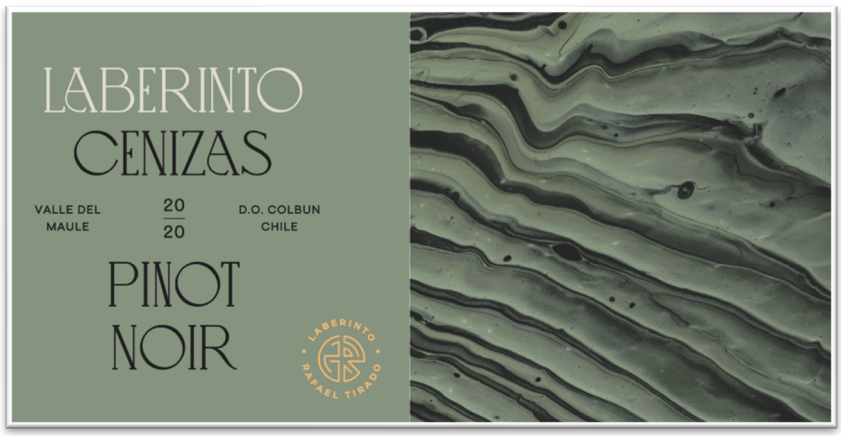
2024 Laberinto Arcillas Pais, Colbún



100% single vineyard País planted in 1995. Native yeast. Aged in clay amphora and concrete tanks for 8 months on its lees. Fermented 18 days on skins. Unfined and unfiltered.

93 Points – Robert Parker – *"A uniquely coniferous and perfumed example of the variety, revealing an uncommonly pretty bouquet of citrus rind, underbrush, pine needles and alpine herbs. The mouthfeel is silky, slender and elastic, transitioning into a pure, lacy finish that lingers with floral overtones and a faint, grounded touch of petrichor. This is an atypically refined and compelling example of the variety."*

2025 Laberinto Cenizas Pinot Noir, Colbún



This hand harvested, single vineyard, 100% estate Pinot Noir is from vines that Rafael Tirado planted himself in 1998. Aged in used French oak barrels for 12 months. 3-day cold maceration before fermentation with a total maceration of 16 days. Unfined and unfiltered.

94 Points – James Suckling – "*A slightly spicy pinot with ashy, reductive red berries, rose petals and grilled grapefruit. Medium-bodied, with firm taut tannins offering tension. Mouthwatering fruit with fine grip at the end and a long finish."*

2024 Laberinto Mezcla Tinta, Colbún



This hand harvested, single vineyard, is a blend of 47% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Franc and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon that Rafael Tirado planted himself in 1993. 3-day cold maceration before fermentation. With a total maceration of 22 days. Aged in used French barrels, 14 months.

93 Points - Robert Parker – *"A lovely bouquet of red plums, bittersweet chocolate and sage aromas mark the nose, along with the nearly omnipresent floral tones that permeate the Laberinto roster. A mid-weight palate follows, displaying elegant concentration that flows through a gnarly, saturated finish framed by refined tannins and loamy undertones.*

93 Points – James Suckling