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DOMAINE NICO

Le Paradis 2022



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Sœur et frères

DescorChadOS

96 POINTS

Le Paradis is a small 1.1-hectare vineyard planted 1,500 meters above sea level in the highest part of Gualtallary. The soils of that vineyard are rich in limestone, but it's compacted in what is locally known as "Indian cement," a mixture of sand, calcium carbonate and gravel that gives the wines a sort of monolithic structure that's tense, with a texture similar to what chalk would have on the tongue. You feel that here, but it also has aromas and flavors of flowers and herbs in what is perhaps the longest and deepest of the house's wines. It was aged for 12 months in barrels (it once reached 18 months, but winemaker Roy Urvieta has progressively reduced the time in oak to retain more fruit) and 20% of them were made of new oak, which provides very light touches of toasted oak and spices. The fruit, however, is what rules in this exceptional pinot.

About Descorchados

Descorchados is the main reference for South American wines. Since 1999, this guide has been analyzing the wine scene in this part of the world, giving consumers and trade an overview of what Argentina, Chile and Uruguay produce, from the most expensive to the cheapest wines; from big wine companies to tiny artesanal producers. In order to expand our coverage, this year we have included the sparkling wines from Brazil, an amazing journey you must taste.



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