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COASTAL WINERY OF CHILE



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# Introducción



*Leyda, pioneers in a unique location.*

## ***The best Pinot Noir & Sauvignon Blanc from Chile***



- *Leyda has been a pioneer since we began to plant vineyards in the area in 1998, before the Leyda Valley was recognized as a DO.*
- *Due to the lack of natural sources of water in this area, the land here is very dry. Viña Leyda had to invest in the construction of an 8-kilometer pipeline in order to irrigate the fields with water from the Maipo River.*
- *Today, Viña Leyda is internationally recognized as a boutique winery, renowned for producing the finest Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc in Chile.*
- *The first commercial delivery using Leyda's registered trademark was made in 2001, when the associated appellation was the San Antonio Valley. However, at Viña Leyda, it was clear that the coastal influence, the climate, and the differences in soil were producing very different wines than those from the San Antonio Valley. As a result, a request was made to recognize the Leyda Valley as a DO, which was granted in May of 2002.*
- *Only a few producers own and operate land in the Leyda Valley, making its wines even more exclusive.*
- *An important part of Leyda's identity is its company logo, which depicts the town's old train station that was destroyed in a 1983 fire.*
- *Viña Leyda's mission is to produce elegant, unique wines with great character and a strong sense of identity, which reflect the authenticity of each terroir.*
- *We strive to be leaders in the production of coastal, cool climate grape varieties.*

# Vineyards



*Leyda is located to the west of Chile's Coastal Mountain Range, and has 163 hectares of vineyards planted and irrigated with mineral-rich water from the Maipo River. The vineyards are situated at an altitude of 180 meters above sea level and at some points located only four kilometers from the Pacific Ocean. They enjoy daily sea breezes and morning fog, which influence the growth processes and natural acidity of the vines.*

*The winery's first vineyards were planted in 1998, located 40 kilometers from the town of Casablanca and 95 kilometers from the city of Santiago. The vineyards have various soil types and characteristics, which bring out the uniqueness of each parcel. For this reason, Leyda is synonymous with terroir wines.*

*Each vineyard is composed of individual parcels, which receive different levels of sunlight during the day. This, in turn, gives rise to different rates of grape ripening and the production of wines with differing, unique characteristics.*

*The 75-hectare El Granito vineyard, planted in 2010, is made up of 17 hectares of Sauvignon Blanc, 38 of Pinot Noir, 9 of Chardonnay, 5 of Sauvignon Gris, and 4 of Riesling.*

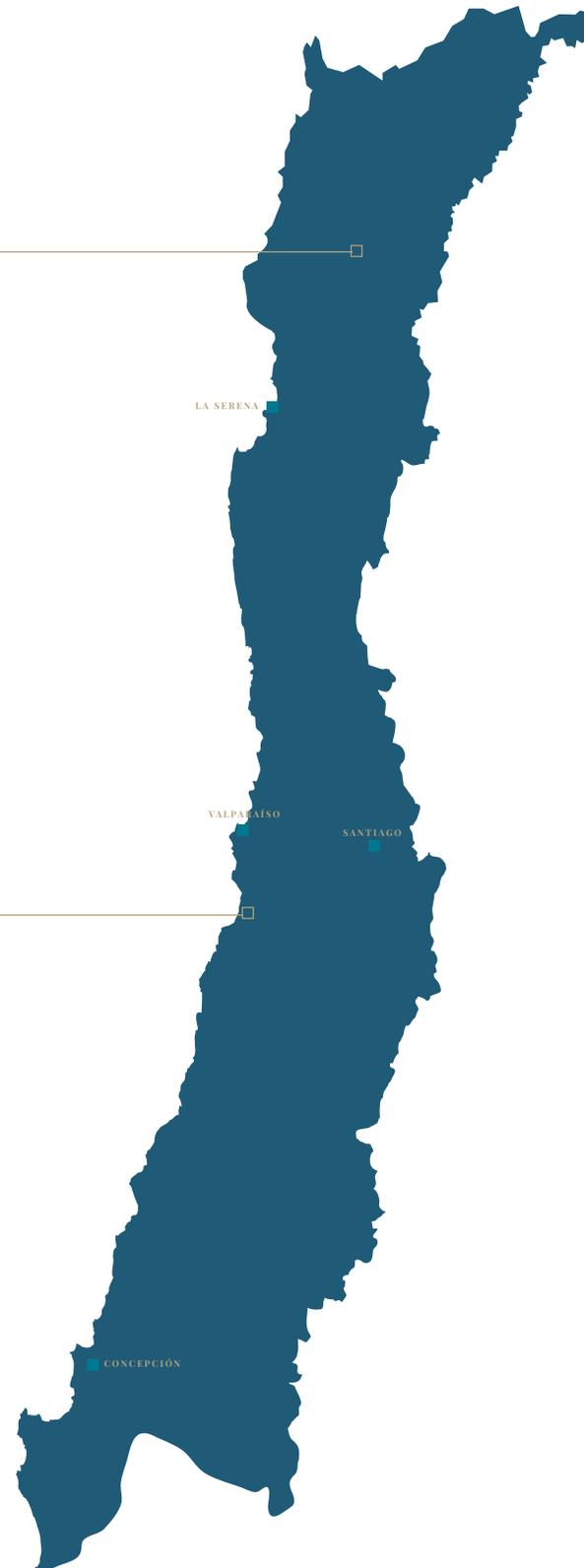
*El Maiten vineyard was planted in 2008 and is composed of 87 hectares: 19 of Sauvignon Blanc, 57 of Pinot Noir, and 9 of Syrah.*

## Viñedo El Maitén

**D.O. Valle de Leyda**  
A 12 Km del Pacífico.

## Viñedo El Granito

**D.O. Valle de Leyda**  
A 4 Km del Pacífico.



# Leyda Valley



*Located in the Valparaiso Region of Chile, the Leyda Valley is unmatched in its unique climatic conditions. The air is cool and moist due to the breezes that roll in from the Humboldt Current in the Pacific Ocean. The area enjoys distinct seasons during the year, with dry summers, cold winters, an average annual temperature of 22° C, and no frosts, all of which foster a harmonious harvest.*

One of the defining characteristics of the valley is the small diurnal temperature variation. This allows the grapes to ripen slowly, which increases the development of flavors and aromas, and is necessary for the production of high quality wines.

The Leyda Valley extends over 40,500 hectares (100,000 acres), of which 2,400 hectares (5,930 acres) are planted. The oldest vineyard in the valley dates back 14 years and has a natural potential production capacity of 8-10 tons per hectare.

The valley's rolling hills stand out for their granite soil, composed of compact granite, calcium carbonate in some areas, and slopes of up to 30 degrees. The clay texture of the soil gives structure and concentration to the fruit.

Given the valley's unique characteristics, Viña Leyda boasts a DO dating back eleven years. Today, the valley is renowned as one of the most attractive wine-producing areas in Chile.

# Winemaking excellence and identity



*Viña Leyda is committed to the production of authentic, exciting, and recognizable wines. The winery creates balanced, juicy, mineral wines with unique character, using pure grape varieties. Our mission is to produce the best coastal cool climate wines in Chile that extract the full potential of the Leyda Valley.*

## Winemaking team

Viviana Navarrete  
Head of Winemaking



Tomás Rivera  
Viticultivist





## Wines of Leyda

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*Leyda is a pioneering winery in one of Chile's newest winemaking areas. Leyda's award-winning wines are renowned worldwide for their quality and elegance, with Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc being the winery's emblematic grape varieties. However, one of the distinctive features that ensures these wines are of such high quality is that they are produced in the vineyard itself, where a meticulous and delicate cultivation process is carried out in order to obtain the flavors, aromas, and style which are characteristic of Leyda's wines.*

# LOT Range



*Viña Leyda's passion for capturing the potential of the valley gave rise to the Lot range, which are unique wines with great character and a strong sense of identity. This is the top-of-the-line range in Leyda's portfolio.zv*

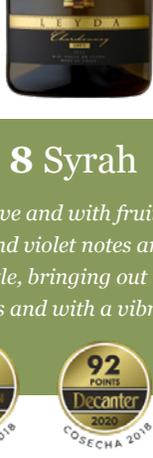
## LOT 4 Sauvignon Blanc

*With great elegance and minerality, this wine is an outstanding model of both the Leyda Valley and the Sauvignon grape variety. It is fragrant and floral, with grapefruit, tangerine, and herbaceous notes. On the palate it displays great strength and creaminess, along with a zesty acidity that makes way for a persistent finish. Alcoholic fermentation is carried out at low temperatures in stainless steel tanks for 19 days, after which the wine is aged for seven months to develop its structure and texture on the palate.*



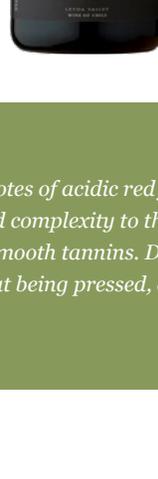
## LOT 5 Chardonnay

*This Chardonnay displays great elegance, minerality, and character, together with earthy, almond, and honey notes. On the nose, semi-tropical and ripe citrus fruits stand out. The flavor is round and creamy with a robust acidity that gives way to a long finish. During the winemaking process, the grapes are whole-cluster pressed. Next, the wine is aged in French oak barrels, followed by a ten-month period of battonage.*



## LOT 8 Syrah

*Expressive and with fruit intensity, this Syrah features spices typical of a cool climate, such as white pepper. Floral and violet notes are melded with red fruits like raspberries and cassis. The oak is remarkably smooth and subtle, bringing out the wine's fruit profile. Elegant on the palate and silky in texture. Persistent, unctuous and with a vibrant acidity.*



## LOT 21 Pinot Noir

*This wine displays its unique origin and coastal influence, highlighted with notes of acidic red fruits like raspberries, together with blueberry and floral hints. Subtle earthy notes lend complexity to the blend. This robust Pinot is long lasting on the palate, with fresh acidity and sweet, smooth tannins. During the winemaking process, 40% of the grapes are kept in whole clusters, without being pressed, and then undergo malolactic fermentation.*





## Single Vineyard Range

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*These wines come from selecting  
Leyda's best individual vineyards for the  
production of each grape variety. The result  
is a range of elegant and complex wines.*

# Single Vineyard Range



## Single Vineyard Garuma Sauvignon Blanc

*This wine reflects the cool climate character influenced by the close proximity to the ocean. Mineral and elegant, it displays herbal notes together with notes of ripe citrus fruits, grapefruit, guava, and passion fruit. It is creamy on the palate, with green notes, fresh acidity, and a persistent, lasting, and juicy aftertaste.*

*Maceration of the carefully selected grape clusters is carried out at low temperatures and gently pressed. The must is cooled and clarified before undergoing fermentation in low temperature stainless steel tanks. Finally, the wine is aged on its lees for six months in order to round out and improve texture on the palate.*



## Single Vineyard Falaris Hill Chardonnay

*With a refined and complex bouquet, this wine displays ripe citrus fruit notes like orange and tangerine along with hints of chestnuts. On the palate it is creamy, with a tangy acidity in the finish.*

*Its minerality lends freshness, while oak notes reflect the ageing process carried out 100% in French oak barrels for ten months. Throughout the winemaking process, this wine maintains its natural acidity and freshness.*



## Single Vineyard Kadún Sauvignon Gris

*This 100% Sauvignon Gris, is one of Leyda's best white wine exponent. With exotic and expressive character, this wine shows the minerality and salinity of Leyda's terroir. The complexity in nose is enhanced by hints of ginger, spiciness and white peaches.*

*In palate it's fruit concentrated, with creamy and voluptuous texture, making this wine a good alternative for food marriage.*



# Single Vineyard Range



## Single Vineyard Neblina Riesling

*An excellent example of cool-climate wines, this Riesling displays a fruity, dry style, demonstrating the minerality and elegance of the Leyda Valley. It is expressive and citric given the lime and tangerine notes, with striking floral touches.*

*On the palate, it displays a creamy texture with smooth hints of honey and fresh acidity that extends the finish. Fermentation was carried out 90% of the time in stainless steel tanks and 10% in new French oak barrels. The wine was aged on its lees for six months*



## Single Vineyard Las Brisas Pinot Noir

*This wine displays clean, direct strawberry notes, with hints of red cherries and wild herbs. It is delicate, refined, and juicy on the palate, with mineral notes and a lively acidity. Alcoholic fermentation was carried out in*

*stainless steel tanks at low temperatures for seven days. The cap was pumped over three to four times a day. Afterwards, the wine was aged in French oak barrels for ten months.*



## Single Vineyard Cahuil Pinot Noir

*Complex and earthy with a strong, spicy character, this wine offers notes of acidic red fruits like raspberries and cherries. It is delicately smoky, with tobacco notes. On the palate it is creamy, with a velvety mouthfeel, smooth and sweet tannins, and a long, persistent finish.*

*This Pinot underwent alcoholic fermentation in open tanks, and the cap was punched down three times a day. Then, malolactic fermentation was carried out in French oak barrels, and finally the wine was aged for ten months.*



## Single Vineyard Canelo Syrah

*A great example of a cool climate Syrah, this wine is intensely spiced, fragrant, and floral, with notes of white pepper and acidic red fruits like raspberry and currants. Subtle hints of oak lend complexity to the blend.*

*This wine is lasting and elegant on the palate, with fresh fruit flavor and good acidity. This Syrah seduces with its minerality and marine character.*



## Reserva Range

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*This range comes from selecting individual vineyards in the best growing regions, searching for fruit identity and giving birth to expressive, direct, fresh and juicy wines.*

# Reserva Range



## Sauvignon Blanc

*Intense and expressive Sauvignon Blanc full of white fruit and freshness. Strong expression, this Sauvignon Blanc shows herbal and green character together with citrus aromas, limes, mandarins, grapefruit and passion fruit.*

*In palate it is fresh with a sweet texture, fruit concentrated with crisp acidity and juicy ending.*



## Chardonnay

*As a tribute to the varietal pureness, this is a fruit driven style and unoaked Chardonnay.*

*driven style, showing in nose ripe citrus and semitropical hints of kiwi and cherimoya.*

*With the purpose of producing a Chardonnay that respects the natural fruit of Leyda's cool climate, this wine was made in a fruit*

*Fruit concentrated in the palate, with sweet and leesy texture, balanced with a juicy finish.*



## Pinot Noir

*A true exponent of cold climate style of Pinot Noir, fresh and unique.*

*Earthy notes, mineral and herbaceous makes this wine a true example of Leyda Valley. In palate is fruit concentrated with a lively acidity that enlarges the ending.*

*This Pinot Noir is made in a fruit driven style showing the origin and cold climate influence. Expressive nose with berries as blueberries and strawberries.*



# Reserva Range



## Riesling

*A crispy fresh Riesling with floral, fruity and mineral notes.*

*With great aromatic expression, perfumed and floral, this Riesling was made in a fruit driven style showing the minerality of Leyda terroir and the maritime influence.*

*It has a creamy textured palate, honey suckle, fruity with juicy, crisp acidity and vibrant ending.*



## Syrah

*Red and black fruit, with a smooth toast, makes this Syrah an appealing wine.*

*With an expressive and complex nose, this Syrah seduces with its extended fruit spectrum showing notes of blueberries, raspberries,*

*blackberries together with floral hints and confitures.*

*The use of a respectful and elegant oak enhances the fruit. The palate is concentrated with silky texture and berry juiciness.*





## Specialities

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*This range was created in order to reveal the latest innovations, producing wines which reflect our passion to continue exploring.*

### Pinot Noir Rosé

*With a bright, brilliant color and excellent expression of the fruit on the nose, this wine displays intense notes of red fruits like strawberries and cherries, combined with citrus notes.*

*On the palate, it is fresh and balanced with a pleasant concentration. The wine underwent alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel tanks before being aged on its lees for five months.*

# Sustainable Winegrowing



*Sustainability is key to the sustainable development of the VSPT Wine Group, being this element one of the five corporate values of the company. This is why, since 2009, we have developed new initiatives that allow us to enhance our commitment to continue growing sustainably, in harmony with both our land and our people.*

With an aim to continue challenging ourselves and improving, since 2018 we began work on our 360°Commitment program, aspiring for sustainable management, over the next three years (2019-2021). All areas of our organization are involved, and we aim to consider all our relevant subjects and employ sustainable management across 100% of our value chain. Within our 360°Commitment program, we orientate areas of action around five pillars:

Our People, Innovation and leadership, From the vineyard to the bottle, Clients and Consumer, Government.

- Our People*
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- Clients and consumers*
- Government*

*sustainable winegrowing*

# Viviana Navarrete

Winemaker



**Chief Winemaker** of Leyda Winery since 2007. Viviana currently focuses on making the best Pinot Noir and cold climate white wines that capture the identity of the terroir.

Viviana studied Agricultural Sciences in the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, specialized in winemaking, and from the beginning of her career she felt very attracted to the terroir of Leyda Valley, due to its potential and its great qualities that are reflected in the wines. In 2007, Viviana became Chief Winemaker of Leyda Winery and works with the prestigious enology advisor Alberto Antonini.

Currently, Viviana's mission is to make the best cold climate wines of Chile. Wines character, identity and original senses that releases the full potential of Leyda Valley. Her winemaking philosophy is to reflect the quality and the unique conditions of the terroir and of the vine parcel in every bottle of wine. She focuses on cold climate grape varieties that grow well in Leyda Valley, giving rise to expressive and elegant wines with fruity tastes and complexity.

Viviana is an innovative winemaker and one of the few that make Sauvignon Gris and Riesling. Thanks to her tireless work Leyda Winery launched its first sparkling wine with the traditional method in 2012.

In 2013 Viviana was rated one of the Top 10 Winemakers of Chile, becoming a new star within the Chilean winemaking industry. In this article written by Peter Richards in the British magazine Decanter, he wrote about the new wave of adventurous winemakers who have left an exciting and refreshing mark on the winemaking scene, among them is Leyda Valley.

Later on in 2017, she was selected as one of the Best Pinot Noir Winemakers in Chile by Wine Spectator. Next year she was chosen as one of the 10 Leading Women in the Wine Industry by the prestigious US magazine, Wine Enthusiast. Furthermore she was chosen one of the Three Most Influential Winemakers in Chile by Patricio Tapia, Chile's wine experts with global recognition.

In 2020 in the latest edition of the US magazine Wine Enthusiast, the editorial team made a selection of the most internationally acclaimed winemakers and included Viviana Navarrete, who has been working as Chief Winemaker for Viña Leyda for over 13 years. The article entitled "The Women Who Make Our Wines" included 12 other female winemakers who have been pioneers, shaping their careers with hard work and determination, and have had a real impact in the world of wine.

One of Viviana's latest acknowledgements was been chosen as Winemaker of the Year by Tim Atkin in his latest report "Chile 2020: Special Report". Furthermore, Viña Leyda was selected among the First Growth or Premier Cru Classé group –that is to say among Chile's best producers– with over 10 wines scoring 90 points or over. This once again strengthens its position as Chile's most acclaimed Coastal Winery.

Among other pursuits of Viviana, is striving for excellence in microterroir Pinot Noir, as well as experimenting with new cold climate grape varieties not yet grown in Chile

# Tomás Rivera

Viticulturist



*Leyda's viticulturist is specialized in managing micro-terroirs, clones and irrigation, to guarantee that each vine reflects the full potential of the valley.*

Tomás has spent his entire life bound to the countryside, since his childhood he spent major part of his time at his family's property in San Clemente, Talca.

His studies took place at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, with a specialization in fruit production. Also his thesis to qualify for the final title was dedicated to wine: "Documenting a wine Terroir".

Tomás professional practice was at Agrofruta S.A. in Talca where he was Chief of packing and in charge of managing and organizing the harvest.

In 2005, he went to New Zealand to work at Montana Vineyard in charge of new plantations, preparing the harvest, and managing canopies and vine structures in Premium vineyards.

After he returned to Chile he started working at Tarapaca Winery in 2005, where he was in charge of the all the different vineyard's from varietals, reserves, Premium, Ultra Premium and organics.

In 2012 he began working at Viña Leyda, which was a great challenge because of the valley's cool coastal climate which leads to a very slow ripening of the grapes.

Tomás has a strong commitment to sustainability which translates in different natural handlings, such as using wind to combat moisture in the vineyard, to minimize the use of chemicals, also part of the company's "360 Sustainable Program".

In Viña Leyda he carries out detailed micro-terroir work, clones and and irrigation programs, to guarantee that each vine reflects the full potential of the valley.



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