

# TOMÁS RIVERA

*Viticulturist*

LEYDA VINEYARD



**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 2004, he went to New Zealand and worked from winter to summer 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 Tarapacá 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 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 irrigation programs, to guarantee that each vine reflects the full potential of the valley.



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