

VIVIANA NAVARRETE

Winemaker

LEYDA VINEYARD



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 an 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. Then in 2018, she was chosen as one of the 10 Leading Women in the Wine Industry by the prestigious US magazine, Wine Enthusiast. Furthermore, she featured in the Wikén magazine as one of the three most influential winemakers in Chile.

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.



"My passion is to create wines that reflect its origin. When someone opens a bottle of Viña Leyda anywhere in the world, they can feel the minerality and freshness of our cold coastal climate."