



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2012 ALAZAN PINOT NOIR

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
PRODUCTION	160 cases
ALCOHOL	14.5%
RELEASE DATE	September 2013
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	10 Months

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

The story of the 2012 Alazan lies entirely in the vineyard. Over the last several years, we've been selecting the best vines among our blocks of what is locally known as the Valdivieso selection of Pinot Noir, and propagating them. It is a reselection process, if you will. A couple of years ago, we finally were able to make some wine out of our own special Kingston vines.

This work in the vineyard has paid off. A good portion of our own field selection—Kingston A and B, as we call them, have made the Alazan blend. We've also been exploring other corners of the vineyard looking for steeper slopes and interesting micro-blocks from which to draw fruit. The wines in the 2012 Alazan come from some of these sites, including my favorite block in the entire vineyard, a little block called the "Cantera" (the quarry). The backside of this steep little block has been dug out as a quarry, providing some of the decomposed granite we use on the roads around the farm.

The 2012 Alazan is a little lighter bodied than earlier versions of Alazan, and more pure. Right now it's young and it has a few angles that need to resolve. I consider that a good thing. There is some fresh berry fruit and the usual savory notes but it's a bit more subtle than most years, with perhaps a touch more energy. More serious? Time will tell.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

