



## Oscar Salas Master Winemaker, Terra Andina



Oscar Salas is Master Winemaker at Terra Andina, Chile's premium, innovative wine producer. By sourcing grapes throughout Chile's most prized viticultural regions, Oscar crafts wines that express the terroir of the Andes. Oscar's passion for winemaking stems from his love of nature and the environment, which he seeks to capture in every bottle of Terra Andina wine. He painstakingly oversees the entire production process, from viticulture through viniculture. Oscar assumed this position in 2008, after working as Assistant Winemaker at Terra Andina for four years, where he collaborated closely with Master Winemaker Stefano Gandolini.

Oscar is committed to making wines that are balanced and complex. He is careful to harmonize aroma profiles, structure, acidity and sweetness, which results in wines that express their terroir and their varietal signatures. Working closely with 60 grape growers in each of Chile's prized viticultural regions, Oscar is closely attuned to how each varietal expresses itself differently in each location, which enables him to fine-tune his elegant Terra Andina blends. While he prizes the expressiveness and generous fruit of the New World style, he is careful to adhere to the Old World principles of achieving balance and finesse in his wines. Judicious in his use of oak, Oscar is mindful that it never hides or overshadows the intricate aromas and flavors of the Terra Andina wines.

Prior to joining Terra Andina, Oscar worked at Hartford Family Wines in Sonoma. There he experienced the viticulture and enology of California, including the unique terroir expressions of the Pinot Noir, Zinfandel and Chardonnay varietals. Oscar began his winemaking career at Chile's most historic wineries, Cousino Macul and Santa Rita, where he worked for three years.

Oscar studied winemaking and viticulture at Chile's Pontificia Universidad Católica, which has trained some of the country's leading winemakers.

Winemaking has always been part of Oscar's life. He first learned about it from his great grandfather, who used to make "chicha," a traditional wine made from white grapes. The family's winemaking was a big annual event, with more than 80 cousins called in to help crush the grapes with their feet.

Oscar is married and has two young children, Gaspar and Florencia. When he isn't making wine, Oscar enjoys hiking, reading historical books and spending time with his family. He resides in Talca, south of Santiago.

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