




ACAIBO
VINTAGE 2017



**« ACAIBO 2017 IS CHARACTERIZED BY ITS FRESHNESS,
ITS BALANCE AND ITS AROMATIC PALETTE OF DARK
BERRIES AND SPICES. A VINTAGE BOTH MODERN AND
BRIGHT. »**

NICOLAS VONDERHEYDEN, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

« ON THE SAME LEVEL AS GREAT TERROIR-DRIVEN WINES FROM EUROPE AND THE REST OF
THE WORLD »

Ian d'Agata, Terroir Sense

« A GREAT ADVENTURE, AND A BORDELAIS EXPRESSION IN CALIFORNIA »
Lin Liu

« THERE IS LOTS OF PROMISE AND POTENTIAL »

Colin Hay, The Drinks Business

« ACAIBO EST LE FRUIT D'UN GRAND TERROIR »

Wine Magaz

« A GORGEOUS EXPRESSION OF VOLCANIC TERROIRS FROM SONOMA. »

GONZAGUE & CLAIRE LURTON
Yohan Castaing

« THE LURTONS HAVE CREATED AN ESTATE THAT HAS THE GENEROSITY OF SONOMA
CABERNET-SAUVIGNON BUT AN ENERGY AND A PRECISION THAT GIVES A COOL CLIMATE
FEEL, SCULPTED AND FRESH. »

Jane Anson

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THE VINEYARD

24 acres located in Chalk Hill, between the cool Russian River, the warm Alexander Valley and the Knights Valley. Volcanic ash & clay loam soils.

THE VINIFICATION

Small lot fermentation in thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks.
4 days of cold soak followed by alcoholic fermentation.
The malo-lactic fermentation follows in barrel.

THE CULTURAL PRACTICES

Organic farming.
Only one irrigation before véraison.
Rainwater harvesting.

THE BLEND

75 % Cabernet-sauvignon	13 % Cabernet-franc
12 % Merlot	

THE AGEING

16 months in french oak barrels.
65% new oak.



THE TEAM

Owners: Gonzague & Claire Lurton
Technical Director: Nicolas Vonderheyden
Enologist Consultant: Éric Boissenot



ACAIBO IS THE RESULT OF GONZAGUE & CLAIRE'S UNION, OWNERS OF WORLD-RENOWNED BORDEAUX CLASSIFIED GROWTHS. LONGING TO SHARE A NEW ADVENTURE, THEY FELL IN LOVE WITH A 24-ACRES PROPERTY, IN THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA, IN 2012. THE RESULT OF THIS EPIC JOURNEY WAS ACAIBO, THAT TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE NATIVE PEOPLES OF SONOMA, MEANING « THREE FISHES ».

ACAIBO, A MIX OF FRANCO-AMERICAN KNOW-HOW AND TRADITIONS, IS AN EXCEPTIONAL WINE, AS REFINED AS IT IS BALANCED BETWEEN FRESHNESS AND FULLNESS IN THE MOUTH. IT IS MUCH CLOSER TO TRADITIONAL BORDEAUX WINES THAN TO TYPICAL CALIFORNIA WINES.

Vineyard of 24-acres in Chalk Hill, in Sonoma County.

Chalk-Hill is at the crossroad of 3 other great appellations of Sonoma: Russian River, Knight's Valley, Alexander Valley.

The Terroir...

Thermal amplitude with cool nights and hot days ideal for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The soil consists of clayey silt on volcanic rocks.

Organic practices throughout the vineyard and the desire to have the lowest possible carbon footprint.

Optimization of water:

Two rainwater collection lakes irrigate the entire vineyard.

Sap Flow sensors allowing rational use of water, only twice a year on average.