

HERMANOS

Rafael Domingo

Winemaker and Owner, Domingo Molina Winery

Rafael's relationship with wine began in the soil. As a child, Rafael would play more in his family's vineyards and winery than anywhere else. Rafael grew up in Salta, Argentina under the mentorship of his father, who was the first to teach him about pruning vines in the winter. He always told Rafael that pruning each vine was like educating a son, where every small decision in the beginning would determine the character of what the vine would grow to become.



After turning 18, Rafael enrolled in a six month exchange program in Australia that gave him the opportunity to learn a different perspective and taste of the 'New World'. Soon after, he received his degree in Agricultural Engineering in Salta and continued on to obtain his degree in Enology from the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo in Mendoza in 2001. Since then he has worked at his family's winery as an enologist and has participated in a handful of harvests in the US in the off-season.

For Rafael, his passion for wine comes from the details. From pruning in the winter to small decisions made in the winery, each detail can completely change the composition of the final wine. To witness the transformation of a sweet juice into a beverage full of colors, aromas, textures and tastes is why Rafael loves what he does. Rafael believes that every good winemaker is a 'transformer' of what the vine gives him, and that an entire team of passionate people is truly what makes great winemaking possible.

Rafael spends as much of his free time as possible with his extended family, including his wife Juliana and two children Elena and Fausto. When not in the winery you will find him cooking an asado with friends, playing guitar, or riding through the landscape of Salta on his motorcycle.