

# GARCIA + SCHWADERER

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## Felipe Garcia

*Winemaker, Garcia + Schwaderer*

With his degree in Agronomy and Enology from the Universidad de Chile, Felipe Garcia started working with wine in 1999. He became the assistant winemaker for Kendall Jackson's Chilean project, Viña Calina, which led him to work harvests in Maule (Chile), Mendoza and California over the following 6 years. He then worked at Casas del Bosque in the Casablanca Valley where he oversaw all of their winemaking, as well as started their first small production line of wines "Pequeñas Producciones".

Felipe quickly started realizing that there was a side of Chilean wine that needed a voice; the wines and winemakers who made wine on a human scale. In 2006 he started his own brand 'Garcia + Schwaderer' with winemaker partner Cony Schwaderer. In 2009 the amount of like-minded small producers in Chile started growing, and Felipe decided to start an official group to strengthen their voices: MOVI (Movement of Independent Vintners). Soon after in 2010, Felipe founded Chile's other most impactful small producer movement to date, VIGNO (Vignadores de Carignan). VIGNO is considered Chile's first official Denominacion de Origen as it champions and preserves the incredible quality of old vine Carignan specifically from the dry-farmed coastal 'secando' of Maule.



Outside of winemaking, Felipe is an avid rock n' roll fan and has a healthy obsession with the band Rush.

