

# AQUITANIA

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## Felipe de Solminihac

*Winemaker, Aquitania*

Felipe de Solminihac has worked in the Maipo Valley of Chile his whole career. He studied Agronomy and Winemaking at the PUC (Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile), and then completed a postgraduate program in Oenology and Viña Sciences in Bordeaux, France. His winemaking experience and work began in 1975. He has been a winemaker for world-renowned vineyards such as Undurraga and Cousino Macul.

For Felipe, a good winemaker is one who respects the quality of the grapes and who faithfully permits the wine to identify with its place of origin. He strives for people to appreciate the quality, finesse, and elegance of the wines he creates.

He was inspired to create the Sol de Sol brand on a trip to New Zealand. After that trip, he saw that the land in Traiguén (Malleco Valley) had similar conditions to produce fresh cool-climate wines of exceptional quality.

Felipe is now a professor at PUC, one of the most respected oenologists in Chile, and a member of l'Académie Internationale du Vin.

Felipe enjoys sports, especially football (soccer), tennis, and Formula 1, along with horseback riding on his farm.

